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SECOND DAY OF THE SESSION.

A Vigorous Opposition—The Postal Telegraph—Mr. Cox Assails the Administration—The Cataczzy Correspondence—The Senate Committees.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The session of the House today was a protracted one for the first business day, and there were indications in the proceedings which show how fortunate it is for the party in power to have a vigorous opposition. The session opens with a good atmosphere. The Democrats are able and wide awake, sufficiently so, at least, to compel prudence and caution on the part of the Republicans. This was illustrated today by the action of the House in referring that part of the President's Message recommending the postal telegraph scheme. Mr. DAWES, as Chairman of the Ways and Means, in Committee of the Whole, offered the usual resolutions of reference, closing with a reference of this subject to a special committee. Mr. FARNSWORTH, Chairman of the Committee on Post-offices and Post-roads, moved that it be referred to that body, but defeated his purpose on the very start, by making a speech in bitter opposition to the scheme. Mr. BECK, who was on the Select Committee last year, in a speech which developed his opposition to the measure, moved its reference to the Committee on Appropriations. This Committee was known to be non-committal, with the chances that its regular business would preclude the consideration of this subject—"bury it"—in the parlance of the House. The Democrats, therefore, desirous of defeating the party recommendation, and those Republicans who are against the scheme at all hazards, carried this reference by yeas 105, nays 98. There was some crowing over what was called "the defeat of the Administration," but it had no such point. It only demonstrated the necessity of caution and prudence in recommendations.

THE POSTAL LAWS.

The first morning hour of the House was occupied in the first call of committees, without producing any results until the Post-office Committee was reached, when Mr. FARNSWORTH presented the bill codifying the Postal laws, which was lost for want of time at the close of the last Congress. The reading of this consumed the hour. With such an early start, this much-needed measure ought to succeed.

THE NEW LOAN.

Mr. S. S. COX opened the ball on the Democratic side today in a speech on Secretary BOUTWELL and the syndicate. In order to get a chance to make it, he moved to refer that portion of the President's Message relating to funding, to the Committee on Banking and Currency. His speech proved to be an article from the *New-York Tribune*, but nobody could tell the difference between it and one of Mr. COX's reckless phillipics against the Administration.

DECAY OF COMMERCE.

Mr. LYNCH, of Maine, who was Chairman of the late Special Committee on the causes of the Decay of American Commerce, expresses his intention of not moving for the renewal of that Committee in this Congress, but of bringing to the attention of the Committee of Commerce, of which he is a member, the measures which he desires to secure the action of Congress upon.

DELEGATES ON COMMITTEES.

The advent of a delegate from the District of Columbia to the House of Representatives, and the direct interests which he represents, has led to the proposition now under consideration by the Committee on Rules, to allow a representation of delegates on the Committees. This will place Gen. CHIPMAN on the Committee for the District of Columbia, and Mr. CHAFFEE, of Colorado, on the Committee on Territories.

MR. BLAIR'S KUKLUX RESOLUTION.

The resolution which was offered by Gen. BLAIR yesterday in the Senate, respecting the enforcement of the Kuklux law, having been printed, he moved today that it be taken up for consideration. This motion was followed by considerable discussion, part of which, against the rules of the Senate, drifted into the merits of the resolution itself. It was held by several Republican Senators that a resolution of inquiry into the execution of the law would be proper enough, but that till the unwarranted denunciations and dogmatic assertions were eliminated, the resolution could not pass. The motion to take up was lost on a yea and nay vote, by 11 to 45.

A SENATE CAUCUS.

A caucus will be held by the Republicans of the Senate, to-morrow, to arrange the Standing Committees for the session. A Committee of five will be appointed for this purpose. Very little interest attaches to the proceedings, from the fact that the Committees are expected to remain with a few unimportant changes as they were formed last Spring. Some changes will be necessary because of changes in the composition of the Senate, otherwise no revisions would be likely to occur. It is the common belief that Mr. CAMERON will remain at the head of the Foreign Relations Committee, or that, if he retires of his own will, that Mr. MORTON will succeed him. Some of Mr. SUMNER'S friends, it is said, propose to make an effort to reinstate him, and Mr. WILSON may possibly make such a motion to-morrow, but it can only lead to acrimonious discussion, without results.

PATRIOTS SEEKING TO SERVE THE COUNTRY.

The officers of the Senate holding their tenure during good behavior, there is always a set of candidates ready to supplant them. There are some now, and an effort will be made possibly to effect some changes, but it is hardly likely to succeed.

CATACAZY.

The correspondence covering the case of M. DE CATACAZY, called for by Mr. CAMERON'S resolution today, will be sent to the Senate either to-morrow or on Wednesday. To show the mischievous intermeddling of this man with the affairs of other nations, it is only necessary to say that, among other things, he has been convicted of first dictating and then revising, in his own handwriting, a letter published in a certain New-York journal some months since, in which the foreign policy of the Government was misrepresented, and in which numerous false and malicious statements respecting public affairs and public officers were made. When this was discovered CATACAZY denied having inspired the matter. But the correspondent through whom he had secured its publication being put in a tight place, offered to make affidavit of the facts, and the evidence soon found its way into the hands of the Government. The details of this affair may not all appear in the correspondence, but they are facts nevertheless.

REGULAR REPORT.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Tuesday, Dec. 5.

The following measures were introduced today:

By Mr. COOPER, of Tennessee—A bill to amend the law relating to pensions to soldiers and the widows of soldiers of the war of 1812, by removing the disqualification based on having given aid or sympathy to the rebellion; also, a bill to reorganize the District Courts of the United States in Louisiana. Tabled.

By Mr. CORBETT, of Oregon—A bill to restore the office of the Director of the Bureau of Statistics. Tabled.

By Mr. ANTHONY, of Rhode Island—A resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy to furnish to the Senate the report of the expedition of the United States steamer under Capt. SELFRIDGE to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Adopted.

By Mr. KELLOGG, of Louisiana—Asking the Secretary of the Treasury for information about the Branch Mint at New-Orleans. Tabled. Also, a bill authorizing a steam-ship service in the Gulf of Mexico. It directs the Postmaster-General to contract for eighteen months on the best attainable terms with American citizens for the conveyance of the mails in American-built steam-ships of not less than 1,500 tons register, between New-Orleans and several Mexican ports and Havana. Laid on the table.

By Mr. CAMERON, of Pennsylvania—A resolution calling on the President for the official correspondence on the retirement of Mr. CATACAZY. Adopted.

MR. BLAIR IN PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE.

Mr. BLAIR, of Missouri, moved to take up his resolution, introduced yesterday, asking the President to inform the Senate by what authority he has suspended the Constitution and laws of the United States, and of South Carolina in several counties of that State, and said: This resolution contemplates obtaining from the President a detailed account of the manner in which he has exercised the extraordinary authority conferred upon him by Congress. I understand that large numbers of citizens have been arrested for alleged crimes in South Carolina, in the counties designated, and that of those arrested nine-tenths were arrested for alleged crimes committed before the passage of the act of April 20, giving the President this authority. I have seen in the papers statements of the names of the parties arrested and the crimes alleged to have been committed by them, and they appear to be the same incidents or circumstances in regard to which the Committee on Outrages in the Southern States have examined witnesses. These circumstances all occurred prior to the passage of the act under which the President proclaimed martial law, and these arrests appear to have been made for offenses, or alleged offenses, committed anterior to the time that the Federal Courts had any jurisdiction whatever, and anterior to the time when the authority was conferred upon the President.

Mr. EDMUND, of Vermont, (interrupting,) asked the Chair whether discussion of the merits of the resolution was in order on a motion to take up.

The Chair declared that it was not.

Mr. MORTON, of Indiana—It occurs to me that the substance of this resolution was pretty well answered yesterday by the President's Message; but, aside from that, this resolution can be much better discussed after we shall have received the report of the Investigating Committee. For this reason, I shall vote against taking it up.

Mr. BLAIR—The President's Message does not give us any information at all in reference to the matter about which this resolution asks information. This resolution asks for the names of the parties arrested, the crimes alleged to have been committed by them, and the times at which they are alleged to have been committed; and none of these are given in the President's Message. The President states that the testimony taken by the Committee on Southern Affairs amply sustains him in his proclamation of martial law. I do not know how he got that information; certainly not by any report from the Committee. No one was authorized by the Committee to make any such report to the President, and as a member of it I can give my opinion that the facts elicited by the Committee do not justify the proclamation of martial law, and I suspect that I know more about those facts than the President himself. What I am not astonished that the President should have exercised the extraordinary powers conferred upon him—his education and genius being arbitrary make him favor arbitrary measures—I am astonished at the servility of Congress in submitting the rights of citizens to his discretion, and I believe that it becomes us, having given him such authority, to ask him to tell us how he has exercised it,

Mr. CONKLING—I think the reason assigned by the Senator from Indiana, (Mr. MORTON,) against taking up this resolution now, a good one; and I beg to add another. A resolution calling for information upon any appropriate subject is always entitled to consideration and indulgence, and particularly when good faith in all respects is a part of it. But this resolution, among other things, is full of assertion, and intimation which may fall short of assertion. Although I do not propose now to discuss the verity or error of the resolution in that regard, it is enough that it contains so much of that kind of matter that it does not, in my estimation, fall fairly within the category of resolutions seeking information; and therefore I should vote against taking it up now or at any time, unless this matter were eliminated, unless it were reduced to a real resolution of inquiry, in which case there might perhaps be no objection to it, at least none of the kind that I now specify.

The motion to take up was lost—yeas 11, nays 45—only Mr. TIPTON, of Nebraska, among the Republicans, voting in the affirmative.

THE EIGHT-HOUR LAW.

The Vice-President laid before the Senate the House bill declaring the meaning of the Eight-hour law.

Mr. TRUMBULL offered an amendment abolishing the law.

Mr. WILSON urged the immediate passage of the bill.

After some discussion, the Senate, at 1:25, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Bills were introduced and referred as follows:

By Mr. STRONG, of Connecticut—Granting pensions to the soldiers and sailors of the War of 1812 for forty days' service, instead of sixty days, as now provided.

By Mr. HILL—Authorizing the Postmaster-General to issue one-cent correspondence or postal cards.

By Mr. WELLS, of Missouri—Appropriating money for the purchase of a site and the erection of a building for a Custom-house, Post-office, and other Federal offices at St. Louis.

By Mr. PETERS, of Maine—To facilitate commerce between the United States and China, Japan and the countries of Asia.

By Mr. MCFARLAND—For the construction of a public building at Chicago.

By Mr. POTTER, of New-York—Proposing an amendment to the Constitution.

REVISION OF THE POSTAL LAWS.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, from the Post-office Committee, reported a bill to revise, consolidate and amend the statute relating to the Post-office Department. He stated that it was the same bill which passed the House at last Congress, after having been very strongly considered by two committees in conjunction with a commission of experts appointed by the Post-master-General. It was simply a codification of the Postal laws, with a few corrections and amendments not generally of importance, but necessary to make the law clear and harmonious. The Postal laws had never been codified since the organization of the Department, and many of them had become obsolete, while others were contradictory and difficult of explanation. The Clerk proceeded to read the bill, which is very voluminous, and consumed the rest of the morning hour.

THE INSURRECTIONARY STATES COMMITTEE.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole, Mr. WHEELER, of New-York, in the chair, on the President's annual Message. The usual resolutions distributing portions of the Message among the appropriate Committees were offered by Mr. DAWES, and adopted.

Before the vote was taken on the resolutions, Mr. WOOD, of New-York, inquired whether there was any such committee as the Committee on Insurrectionary States. He denied that there were any insurrectionary States or any such committees.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, said he would not now discuss the question of fact, but would state that there was a committee which went by that name, and which was raised last session for the purpose of considering the subject which it was now proposed to refer to it—the Kuklux outrages.

Mr. WOOD remarked that some efforts had been made last session to revive the Reconstruction Committee, and that the House had on every occasion voted down the proposition. The Committee on Insurrectionary States was brought into existence for a temporary purpose to go into the Southern States to do certain things. When that Committee had reported to the House it had no further functions. He was therefore opposed to reviving it for the whole Congress in this surreptitious manner.

Mr. DAWES stated in reply to Mr. WOOD that the terms by which the Committee was constituted provided that it should continue during the present Congress. But even if that were not so there had been yesterday referred to that Committee some measure which would have revived it if it had expired.

Mr. WOOD supposed that with such declaration on the part of the leader of the House, the Democratic side was to assume that it was intended to keep in existence a committee formed ostensibly for the purpose of preserving order, but really and in fact for the purpose of promoting disorder. For himself, personally, and without consultation with others, he protested against the continuance of a committee which was not only useless, but promotive of disorder and distraction throughout the country.

POSTAL TELEGRAPH.

Mr. RANDALL, of Pennsylvania, called attention to that resolution which referred to a select committee on that portion of the President's Message relative to the union of the telegraph system with the postal service, and all other questions of subsidies to steam-ship lines. He did not see why that subject should not go to the Committee on Commerce or to the Post-office Committee. The owners of the telegraph lines of the country had estimated the cost of those lines to the Government at twenty-five millions of dollars. He had heretofore seen the evil effect of creating select committees to consider special subjects. He remembered that when the first Pacific Railroad Committee was established, the Speaker of the House made it up in the interest of the railroads, and that that Committee was prepared to give away all the land of the nation. He thought that this subject should take its natural course, and go to the appropriate standing Committee.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, Chairman of the Post-office Committee, moved that the subject be referred to the Post-office Committee; not that he cared to have jurisdiction of the matter, but because it seemed to him that no other committee could have proper jurisdiction of it. He did not know what reason existed for the appointment of a select committee, although he was aware that a select committee on the same subject had been created during last Congress, and had arrived at no conclusion.

Mr. DAWES remarked that he had been on that select committee last Congress, and had joined in the minority report against the proposition. The experience which he then had, had led him to believe that the subject was one of very great importance. It affected the treaty, the postal affairs and the foreign affairs of the country, so that no one committee could be said to have jurisdiction of the whole matter. It was a great subject, worthy of the consideration of the country, and which was being forced upon its consideration by the events and tendencies of the age. If anything required a special committee, which would have the time to consider it fully, it was this subject. If the gentleman from Pennsylvania, Mr. RANDALL, thought that the Speaker had not the confidence of the House in the appointment of a select committee, he might have a vote upon that question.

Mr. RANDALL—I have nothing to say on that point further than I have said

Mr. DAWES went on to say that he favored a select committee, not from any want of confidence in the Chairman of the Post-office Committee, or in the Chairman of any other committee, or in any committee, but because he was convinced that the ramifications of the whole question were such that with no propriety could it be referred to any particular committee.

Mr. NIBLACK, of Indiana, suggested that this project would entail immense patronage on the Administration, which would have the appointment of at least eight thousand employes to take charge of the telegraphic business, which fact made the proposition an appalling one to him and would control his vote against it.

Mr. DAWES admitted that there were undoubtedly difficulties in the way, but that fact rather rendered it more appropriate that the subject should be referred to a select committee.

Mr. NIBLACK conceded that there were many reasons why it should go to a select committee instead of a standing one, but he should be unwilling to trust any committee that was specially organized for the purpose. The temptation would be absolutely too great. The Committee would have no other business to attend to, and would be the focus around which all influence would be brought to bear in favor of the scheme.

Mr. FARNSWORTH understood that it was proposed to incorporate with every post-office in the country that had a sufficient number of inhabitants a telegraph office, and to make every Postmaster a telegraph operator, or else to appoint an expert to operate the telegraph. The Government would thus have cognizance of all the private, confidential and financial business of the people. Every member of Congress would be importuned by his constituents to make their Post-office a telegraph station. The Post-office Committee has been appointed without reference to this subject, and might therefore be presumed to be quite as fair as one that would be appointed specially. As a general rule, the best and fairest Committees were the Standing Committees of the House. He was willing to admit that he had gone over the whole subject of postal telegraphs, and had for weeks and weeks listened to arguments for and against the proposition, and was against the whole scheme. The success of the system in Great Britain or any thickly-settled old country, where no new Post-office had been established for fifty years, formed no criterion for this country and those institutions. The whole thing was monstrous in any way that it could be regarded.

Mr. BANKS, of Massachusetts, remarked that the question of ocean cables was in the jurisdiction of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and moved that that point be stricken off the pending resolution. (To this Mr. DAWES assented, and the resolution was modified accordingly.) He did not think it absolutely necessary to have this subject referred to a select committee, although it involved questions of great importance. He thought it best for the interests of the country, and for the business of the House, that select committees should be avoided, whenever there was a permanent standing committee to which the subject could appropriately be referred.

Mr. BECK, of Kentucky, said he had been a member of the Select Committee which had had charge of the subject last Congress, and that the cost and effect of the project had been understated today. There were now some 5,000 telegraph stations in the country, with 77,000 miles of line, and 7,000 employes. Under the Government plan there would be at least 20,000 telegraph offices, 150,000 miles of line and 25,000 employes. The gentleman from Pennsylvania, (Mr. RANDALL,) had understated the cost nearly one-half.

Mr. RANDALL—I always like to be on the safe side.

Mr. BECK—And the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. NIBLACK) will find that instead of increasing the Government officials by eight thousand they would be increased by twenty-five thousand. The minority of the Committee had stated in its report last Congress, the great objection to the project was, that the Government Telegraph would be used for political purposes through an army of office-holders. The facilities for thus using the wire would be a temptation so strong, and would be so difficult to detect that it might well be doubted whether the Administration would refrain from such use of them. I believe that the Committee on Appropriations is the proper Committee to consider the subject, for that Committee would be very careful in recommending anything that would take from the people not thirty-five million but nearly seventy million dollars. He did not believe that the Committee would ever sanction such a scheme, or ever consider it for a moment.

Mr. RANDALL remarked that Mr. DAWES had, with his usual adroitness in debate, sought to place him in the position of finding fault with the Speaker. He would not take back anything he had said, but could reiterate the statement that the Pacific Railroad Committee had been composed originally, not by the present but by the then Speaker, of members avowedly in the interest of the railroad. It was customary when a select committee was to be appointed on any given subject to choose a majority of those who were favorable to the proposition, and therefore he wished to stop this scheme of plunder right at the threshold. He was informed that originally the whole of the telegraph line had not cost more than two or three millions, and now the Company had the effrontery to go to Congress and ask that its property be taken by the Government at its present appreciated value. He would oppose the scheme, because, if carried out, it would place the whole private and business transactions of the people under the scrutiny of Government officials. The country had had enough experience of attempts of that kind, and he wished to have no further steps taken in that direction. He hoped that the House would squelch the thing at once. Here was a beautiful specimen of civil service reform of which they had heard so much, increasing the employes of the Government by 25,000 at one piece of legislation.

Mr. DAWES said he did not know why Mr. RANDALL criticised a former committee on the Pacific Railroad.

Mr. RANDALL—Simply for its acts as exhibited in the legislation of the country.

Mr. DAWES—Does the gentleman make any such imputation on the present Committee on the Pacific Railroad?

Mr. RANDALL—I have expressed no opinion on that subject.

Mr. DAWES—Then there was no occasion for that part of the gentleman's remarks. If he has no complaint to make against the present Speaker in that regard, there is no propriety in his argument.

Mr. RANDALL—I referred to it simply as an instance of select committees.

Mr. DAWES did not see why the impartiality of the Speaker should be questioned in the selection of a special committee more than of a standing committee.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin, inquired whether it was not the parliamentary rule to appoint, on special committees, a majority of the friends of the measure.

Mr. DAWES understood it to be a parliamentary rule, when a matter is submitted to a select committee, that a majority of the Committee shall be in favor of so submitting it.

Mr. ELDRIDGE inquired whether the rule did not go further, and require a majority to be in favor of the project.

Mr. DAWES did not understand that there was any project recommended here. The statement by Mr. RANDALL that the telegraph asked Congress to purchase its property at an enormous rate, showed that that gentleman did not understand the relation of the matter any more than a baby. [Laughter.] The Western Union Telegraph Company was arraigning itself with all its power and influence against any such proposition.

Mr. BECK remarked that while the Western Union Telegraph Company had opposed the project last Congress, he understood it to have changed its position, and to be now anxious for it.

Mr. DAWES said that that fact would not commend the matter to his approval, but this was not the time to enter into the merits of the whole subject. The only question was as to its reference.

After further discussion by Messrs. PALMER, of Iowa, and GARFIELD, of Ohio, in favor of, and by Messrs. CONNOR, of Texas, and KING, of Missouri, in opposition to its reference to a special committee, the vote was taken and the subject was referred to the Committee on Appropriations. The vote was subsequently taken in the House and that action confirmed—105 to 98.

THE NEW LOAN.

Mr. COX, of New-York, moved the reference to the Committee on Banking and Currency of the part of the Message relating to the new loan, and he commented on the action of the Secretary of the Treasury in connection with it. The motion was rejected, and the subject was left with the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Committee then rose.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The resignation of Mr. WASHBURN, recently elected Governor of Massachusetts, was presented to the House.

Mr. KILLINGER, of Pennsylvania, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Education and Labor to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Labor Bureau in connection with the Department of Agriculture, with a view to the compilation of statistics and a more complete recognition of the rights of the laboring classes. Adopted.

The House then, at 3¼ P. M., adjourned.

THE PRESIDENCY.

Senator Trumbull Asserted to Have Declared his Unwillingness to Run as a Conservative Candidate Against Grant—His Views of the Approaching Campaign.

Correspondence of the Louisville Courier-Journal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.

I have just had detailed to me by a prominent Southern politician the particulars of a conversation, had within the last day or two, with Senator TRUMBULL, of Illinois. My informant, who is himself an Ex-United States Senator, states that he met Judge TRUMBULL in the library of Congress, and that, after exchanging friendly salutations, he asked the Senator whether he would consent to the use of his name as a conservative candidate for the Presidency against Gen. GRANT. The Illinois statesman replied with more than usual emphasis: "No, Sir, I would not." "And why not?"

"For many reasons." Judge TRUMBULL said in substance: "In the first place I am satisfied where I am. I consider a seat in the Senate of the United States a position in which I can be more useful than any other, and I believe it to be as honorable as any under the Government if its duties be efficiently and properly discharged. In the next place, I do not agree with the programme which has been marked out by those who refuse to support the candidacy of the President for re-election. I am conscious of the need of many reforms, and I am daily striving to accomplish them. But I do not believe that a revolution of parties would be salutary. I do not believe either the people of the North or South are ready to profit by a such a change."

"And why not?" "Because the people of the South have really accepted nothing, and are not willing to co-operate with the liberals of the North in settling the practical relations of society on a sure and generous basis. I know that the South has much to complain of. But so have the liberal Republicans. It is not the rebel element, perhaps, but the nature of things, that the South should not realize the complete overthrow of the old order and the necessity for a complete change of the domestic policy. I believe that the defeat of Gen. GRANT would involve a reaction at the South whose consequences would be even worse than the present state of affairs."

"Don't you think Gen. GRANT meditates the permanent usurpation of the Executive office?" "No, I do not. My opinion is that Gen. GRANT is, in the main, a conservative man. He has made mistakes. But I cannot say they justify his removal."

"What are your personal relations?" "Very friendly. I have opposed some of his measures, but I have no personal feeling against him, and, indeed, this is one of the reasons why it is disagreeable to have my name mentioned in the connection you name."

"The Southern Democracy would support you with pleasure." "You are mistaken. The Democracy is yet too strong in numbers to disband, for that is the meaning of the passive policy. Three millions of Democratic voters can not afford to sell themselves to two or three hundred thousand Republican voters, and that for a mess of pottage which the Republicans and not the Democrats are to enjoy. I don't believe they will do it. I think the passive policy already a failure."

"Like the new departure?" "No, not exactly. The new departure was a necessity, win or lose. Had the Democrats not adopted it, but in its place had adopted the platform of 1868, they would have been still more disastrously beaten. The new departure made no recruits because the people did not believe it honest. The Democratic Party leaders did what they could no longer avoid—that is, accept the amendments—and the Republicans have to thank such writers as Mr. STEPHENS and Mr. FORSYTHE that the step in advance did not make further inroads. By 1876 the issues of the war, the amendments and the Kuklux will be out of the way, and there may be a new and complete reorganization of parties. But not now."

"What do you think of the Kuklux?" "They may be exaggerated. But there is enough of unpunished violence at the South to justify the newspapers in all the outcry they are making. This alone would beat the Democracy."

"Then you think the fight next year will be a straight-out party affair?" "I think it will be as far as the Republicans are concerned. The party is not really divided. Its internal discussions merely exhibit the exercise of individual free-will, and do it good and not harm. It will act as a body, and I think will poll a larger vote than it did in 1868, no matter what frame-work or what candidates are opposed to it. The people believe in the Republican Party on account of its liberal discussions."

I am assured in saying that the opinions of Senator TRUMBULL are also the opinions of Senator SUMNER.

THE ARMY.

Report of Gen. Sherman to the Secretary of War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The report of Gen. SHERMAN is very brief. He says:

A review of the division annual reports will, I feel assured, satisfy the Secretary of War that in whatever sphere of labor our troops have been employed, whether in maintaining good faith with our neighbors on the North or on the Mexican border, in repressing Indian invasions and outbreaks, in protecting the well-disposed inhabitants of the South, or the sparsely-settled frontiers of the West, in aiding the revenue officers in the discharge of their unpleasant duties, and in sustaining the United States Marshals and Courts, everywhere, they have displayed a zeal and intelligence worthy of their good fame established in the past. As Gen. HALLECK recommends, however, it is eminently to be desired that the sphere of action of the army, in the quasi civil cases, should be better defined by statute, but in the absence of such statute we can only rely upon the intelligence and good sense of the officers specially engaged. Thus far few mistakes, if any, have been made, and the conduct of the troops has met the hearty approval of the Courts, the civil officers and even of the inhabitants against whom they have been compelled to act. In order to maintain the military establishment within the limits prescribed in the act of July 15, 1870, each company must be kept below its proportionate standard, and the consequence is that many of the companies at distant and inaccessible posts fall below a number fit for efficient military service, and it is simply an impossibility to guard against this result, and I do hope Congress will remove the restriction and give the President the discretionary power to keep the companies up to a standard ranging between sixty and one hundred privates according to the nature of the service required of the troops. Such a measure would add very much to the efficiency, and would rarely if ever carry the aggregate strength of the army above the standard of 30,000 men now fixed by law. Gen. SHERMAN again earnestly recommends "the great necessity that new regulations be provided for the government of the army, and that some uniform system of tactics be adopted, embracing common principles for handling all the arms of the service when brought under a common commander. The whole theory of army movements is based on the fact that one responsible head should control masses of men, and this cannot efficiently be done where one set of tactics is used for infantry, another for cavalry and still another for artillery. I am convinced from experience that this is perfectly practicable and easy of execution, and care little whose particular system is adopted as a basis, because other changes will occur in the progress of time, and the beginning is all that is asked for on some intelligent plan likely to result in ultimate good.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The Dolby Troupe—Collapse of the Great New Party Conference—A Steamer on the Severn Blown Ashore.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Mr. GEORGE DOLBY, who was last in Washington with the lamented DICKENS, revisits the city as the manager of the Santley troupe, who give two concerts here on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

ANOTHER INDIAN JUNKETING PARTY.

The Winnebago Chiefs have asked permission to come to Washington, as RED CLOUD and his chiefs did some time since, in the interest of their tribe. The patents for the eighty acres public lands for head rights under treaty stipulations have been delayed in issuing, and these patents are desired. They also want to expend $100,000 of the money appropriated for their removal to their new reservation, in buildings and permanent improvements. It is doubtful if the request of the Chiefs for a free excursion to Washington will be granted, but the rest of their desires will probably be acceded to.

A DEPARTMENT OF PATENTS.

Commissioner LEGGETT, of the Patent Office, is preparing some important recommendations to send to Congress, among others that the Patent Office be raised to the grade of a department, having similar relations to the other Departments that the Agricultural now does, reporting directly to the President, but without a position in the Cabinet. There is little doubt that such a position will be some time given to the office, and the Commissioner will try to show that the time has now come.

THE "HARRISBURG CONFERENCE."

The High Conference, to devise ways and means for the defeat of Gen. GRANT, has again come to a premature end by the collapse of the chief conferee, S. P. CUMMINGS, the head centre of the Massachusetts St. Crispins who shook the dust of Washington from his feet tonight, and left the city in a state of deep disgust, declaring in indignant tones that there were men engaged in this movement who were not fit to be associated with, and that he would have nothing to do with them, indeed his indignation found expression in even more forcible terms. It is surmised that some of the conferees have snubbed the head centre.

THE BINCKLEY-ROLLINS CASE.

BINCKLEY, the defeated plaintiff in the suit against Ex-Commissioner ROLLINS, has given notice of an appeal of his case to the Supreme Court of the United States.

STORM ON THE SEVERN.

A special dispatch from Annapolis, Md., today, states that the steamer *Massachusetts* was blown ashore at Sycamore Point, opposite that city, during the heavy gale of last night. The passengers were supposed to be safe. A portion of the freight however was thrown overboard. The gale continued up to 3 o'clock today.

MEXICO.

Success of the Rebels—Terrific Engagement.

MATAMORAS, Mexico, Dec. 5.—A courier has just arrived with news from Saltillo up to 8:20 A. M. of the 2d inst. The rebel General, TREVINO, has taken Saltillo, with heavy loss on both sides.

The Government troops still hold possession of the French fort on the outskirts of the city. The rebels control the position from two points, and its surrender is hourly expected. QUIROGA, a rebel commander of the line, is organizing in Monterey for further operations.

CORTINA, the Government commander of the river, still waits the result of TREVINO and QUIROGA'S movements. The commander here conceals all news. This is considered by the people as favorable to the Government.

Telegraphic and mail communication with the interior is entirely suspended.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

The Missouri Legislature will meet to-morrow, at Jefferson City.

Gen. D. E. SICKLES and bride have arrived in London, on their way to the United States.

The annexation of the diamond fields to the English dominions in South Africa has been completed.

The California Legislature met yesterday, but did not organize. It is expected the Legislature will organize today.

Violent storms have visited the "Diamond District," South Africa, causing great damage to property and serious loss of life.

The Territorial Legislature of New-Mexico assembled at Santa Fé. The Republicans united and controlled the organization of both houses.

The barn and wagon-house of HEZEKIAH ANDREWS, in Hillsdale, were burned on Thursday night, with a large quantity of hay, oats and straw.

Gov. CAMPBELL, of Wyoming Territory, sent a message to the lower branch of the Legislature vetoing the bill repealing the Women's Suffrage act.

Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, advices represent that eight whalers, including all those which escaped destruction in the Arctic, have refitted and sailed.

MATHEW DELANY, a trackman on the Hudson River Railroad, was run over by the Poughkeepsie special train, at Spuyten Duyvel, yesterday, and instantly killed.

A fire in Barraboo, Wis., on Monday, burned the stores of BOWER, ABERT, & Co., LONG, CAMP & Co., the Express Office, Sauk County Bank, and several other smaller buildings.

THOMAS S. ALEXANDER, formerly a prominent lawyer of Baltimore, and late of New-York, died at his residence in Newark, N. J., on Monday night, at the age of sixty-nine.

Two freight trains collided on the Albany and Boston Railroad, near Schodac, on Monday, injuring a fireman, an engineer and a brakeman; the latter had his legs crushed and will probably die.

PATRICK KING, GEORGE WESTLEY, OWEN MCDONALD and MICHAEL CORBETT attempted to cross the Monongahela River at Braddacks field, in a skiff, on Monday night, when they were run down by a tow-boat, and all drowned.

The barns and sheds belonging to HORATIO SMITH, near Spencertown village, Columbia County, N. Y., were burned on Saturday night, with sixty tons of hay and the entire crop of rye and oats.

Major UPHAM, commanding at Fort Scott, Kansas, has received orders from the War Department to remove all the white settlers from the Osage Reservation. There are about 600 families, or 3,500 persons on these lands.

The City Council of Springfield, Mass., have appointed a committee to extend the hospitalities of the city to the Grand Duke ALEXIS, who will arrive there by a special train from New-York, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

It is rumored that the Duke of AUMALE and the Prince of JOINVILLE have officially intimated to President THIERS their intention to occupy the seats in the Chamber of Deputies to which they have been elected.

HIRAM D. WOOD, Superintendent of Public Schools in Nashua, N. H., in a fit of insanity, on Monday night, cut his throat with a pocket-knife, and then jumped from his chamber-window, breaking his leg. He is probably fatally injured.

The Fijians who do not recognize the sovereignty of King EBENEZER I., recently made a raid on the plantations and killed several laborers. The whites from Levuka in retaliation burned one of their villages and killed fifteen natives.

Full returns from all the wards in Pittsburg, Penn., except six, which cannot materially change the result, elect BLACKMORE (Independent) Mayor, over MORGAN, (Republican,) by 1,274 majority. MAGIE (Republican) is elected City Treasurer by about 1,000 majority.

The investigation into the burning of the steamer *City of New-London* by the Government officials at New-London has been terminated, and the report is being prepared in New-York. The search for Mr. MORTON'S body has been temporarily suspended on account of the ice.

Mr. LOWE, Ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a lecture at Halifax, England, on Monday night, on primary education, made an appeal in favor of monarchy, warmly defending the Queen from the accusations made by Sir CHARLES DILKE, and censuring, in terms of characteristic bitterness, that gentleman's conduct and public utterances.

The number of marine disasters on the lakes during the present season, as reported by Capt. HALL, marine reporter for Detroit, is 1,167, of which 225 were collisions, 280 went ashore, 31 burned, 26 capsized, 19 foundered, 132 sprung a leak, 65 were water-logged, 60 were dismasted, 110 lost deck-loads, and 10 were explosions.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Kuklux Trials at Columbia—State Finances.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 5.—In the Kuklux trial today, Mr. STANBERY, for the defense, moved to quash the indictment against CROSBY and others upon these, among other grounds: That the names of the persons injured are not mentioned in the indictment; that the Grand Jury had decided as to the law instead of the facts; that the indictment was defective in stating the deprivation of the right to vote as taking place at a future date; that the Constitution and laws of the United States do not secure to any citizen the right to vote, and that the State and not the Federal Courts must redress such personal grievances as those complained of. Mr. STANBERY argued two hours in support of his objections. Mr. CINBER, for the Government, asked for time, and will reply to-morrow.

In the Legislature today a number of financial bills were introduced, among which were bills for the cancellation of all unsigned State bonds for obtaining possession of the sterling bonds now in New-York, and for obtaining a full exhibit of all expenses since September.

Messrs. CHAMBERLAIN and CORBIN, for the Government, made elaborate replies to Mr. STANBERRY'S argument of yesterday. The main point of both replies being that the indictment was drawn in the exact words of the Congressional statute, and was therefore patent. Mr. REVERDY JOHNSON will begin his closing argument for the defense, on motion to quash, at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

THE WEATHER.

A Snow-Bound Train on the Union Pacific—Intense Cold at Omaha—Canal Navigation.

OMAHA, Dec. 5.—The Union Pacific train eastward was reported, yesterday, as snow-bound at Elm Creek, and could make no further progress. Two engines were sent to its assistance, and have either run off the track or been disabled. The storm has been severe along the whole length of the road. The thermometer is 16° below zero this morning. JOHN DELANEY, a lawyer of this City, was found last night with his arms and legs frozen, having fallen from the side walk and severely injured himself. His life will probably be saved by the amputation of his feet.

The snow on the Pacific Railroad is reported as still drifting. The freight-train going West, struck a snow-drift today, west of Sherman, which piled twenty freight-cars together in ruins. Several other trains are reported off the track, or disabled, west of Cheyenne. Some of the passengers now at Laramie complain of the bad treatment of the Division Superintendent and the hotel-keeper at Laramie. The train which left here on Saturday last was blocked in the snow at Pine Bluff, and returned to Sidney this afternoon, to await the clearing of the track. The train due here from the West on Sunday was fastened in the snow at Elm Creek, Sunday and Monday, but is expected here this evening. A number of engines are reported off the track between here and Cheyenne, forced off by snow-drifts. The western end of the road is in a still worse condition, and the road is practically blocked for the present. It has been discovered that several of the cast-iron cylinders sustaining the new high iron bridge across the Missouri River at this place have been badly cracked by the frost, between high and low water marks. The supply of coal in this vicinity having been nearly exhausted, many are using corn for fuel.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 5.—The Mississippi River is choked with ice below this city. The ferry-boats have stopped running.

ST. CATHARINE, Ont., Dec. 5.—The canal is again frozen. The weather was very cold this morning with a high wind. But few vessels and only four propellers are coming down. The vessels will have to lay up, but the propellers will get through.

MONTREAL, Canada, Dec. 5.—The weather is very cold, with a high wind and snow.

The Cold Weather in this City.

Jack Frost has paid us a visit in his usual fashion, coming down on New-York like a thief in the night, laying icy fingers on the barometer, scaring the mercury almost down into the bulb, visiting the pantry, giving death kisses to apples, pears and grapes, slyly cracking a tumbler here and a jug there, freezing the water in the pipes so that they will burst handsomely when the thaw comes, and playing the mischief generally. These pranks he performed in the houses. Outside he turned the pavements into sheets of iron, slippery as glass, over which the poor horses toiled with dread

GERMANY.

The New Coinage Law—The Amalgamation of the Law Codes—The Religious Question—The Emperor to the Bishops—Miscellaneous Intelligence.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BERLIN, Saturday, Nov. 18, 1871.

The House has just passed the Ministerial measure providing for a new national coinage, and as both Government and the Federal Council have already given their assent, we may presume that the bill will shortly pass into law. The new Coinage law constitutes, as you may remember, one of the most conspicuous reforms promised in the Imperial speech, and is prized by the country as one of the most important attainments of the present session. The vivacity and animation with which the debate was carried on bear sufficient testimony of the interest with which the measure was, and is still regarded. The defenders of the franc and florin system were early beaten to flight, but the Representatives of the smaller States made a gallant stand for the rights of their own masters, thus causing some little indignation among the Prussians and the "Great German" Party, and exciting—thanks to the German weakness for scientific controversy—a dispute between learned men on a very subtle question, namely, if the right of regulating the coinage and the right of minting ought to be considered as identical or not. The smaller States took the latter view, and upon M. VON PFRETZSCHNER, the Bavarian Government delegate, being encountered for such a proposition with mirthful astonishment on the part of the house, his colleagues of Saxony and Wurtemburg, Messrs. SCHMALZ and VON MITTNACHT, were not slow to strengthen his position by hastening to his succor. An animated struggle took place on the question of the imperial effigy, which Count MÜNSTER moved should be impressed on every piece, wherever coined. Prince BISMARCK warded off this attack on the sovereign rights of smaller Princes with a sort of good-natured pity. He did not consider the time suitable for encroaching too far on the privileges of his protégés, and informed the Deputies that they would do well to profit by his example, and not in every case say and demand exactly what they thought and wished, but adapt their words to the times. It was again urged to alter the coinage so as to make it international, but the proposal fell through at the recommendation both of Government and the leading political economists. As for an adoption of the French standard, there was little to be said for it. In the present poverty of France, most members dreaded a danger of that unfortunate country's dragging Germany into trouble with it. At any rate, Germany would be exposed to the importation of light silver money, the restrictions in France on the coinage of franc pieces being very insufficient. Also, there is a danger of the country's being flooded with French paper money, if the standard is once accepted. As for the English standard, the main objection appears to be the absence of a withdrawal of light pieces by the Bank of England. The bank, on meeting with light pieces, contents itself with breaking them in two and returning them to their owner. Consequently, very few light pieces find their way into the bank, most being landed from one party to the other, and the danger is especially great of their being sent to Germany, where they would be considered safe. Also, commercial members urged that, as payments for one country to the other are rarely effected in gold, and if they are, by weight and not by tale, the adoption of the English standard would be useless, while Government stuck to its first objection that diplomatical negotiations must necessarily precede the establishment of international coinage. Two important amendments were inserted at Dr. BAMBERGER'S suggestion. In the first place the thirty-mark piece was abandoned in spite of the vigorous resistance of Government; in the second, the groschen, in Northern Germany practically the unit by which small payments are regulated, has been dropped, and the mark is made henceforth divisible only by the figure of a hundred. Insignificant as this enactment seems, it affects the small commerce of the country more than any other provision. The poor people calculate by groschens, at the customary fairs the groschen is a standing value, and many manufacturers restrict themselves to the manufacture of "groschen wares." On this account Government objected; but it will be a mercy to have those nasty thin disks of red copper, at one time graced with a thin coating of silver which is in the generality of cases long worn off, really of no value except as tokens, eliminated from the coinage. Fortunately for the public, it has been provided that worn out silver coin shall be withdrawn from circulation at the expense of the Imperial Exchequer, and that no silver coin of a lower standard than the legal shall be minted anywhere. The Liberals also carried a resolution that the Chancellor of the Empire shall be requested to lay a bill supplementing the present before the House by next Spring, rather against the Chancellor's own wish. Vice-Chancellor VON DELBRUCK, in his superior's name, declined to pledge himself to any such action, and it therefore seems doubtful if any more will be done for the present. The aim of the Liberals and "Great Germans" is to abolish the right of coinage now exercised by the smaller Princes, but Prince BISMARCK is anxious to keep the latter in good humor by leaving them their worthless privileges, though he absorbs the important ones. To my observations on the Coinage law I may add a short statistical notice on the circulation of paper currency in North Germany, which the debate has brought under public notice. It appears that of the North German States only the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburgh Schwerin, the Principality of Lippe, and the three free towns, Hamburg, Lubeck and Bremen, do not circulate paper money. The amount issued by the other sixteen States represents the figure of 40,652,742 thalers. Of this amount, 20,478,000 thalers belong to Prussia—but only 18,250,000 of real circulating currency, 2,250,000 being notes of the banks of advance, issued only in the anomalous periods of war; 12,000,000 are Saxon money, 2,457,142 Hessian, and the remainder is the property of the other thirteen States.

THE AMALGAMATION OF THE LAW CODES.

For many years it has been the desire of the German Liberals, the parliamentary representatives of whom are for the most part taken from the class of lawyers, to devise a common code of law, or at least a skeleton code, imparting common features to its diversified reproductions throughout Germany. The very fact of the Liberal members being lawyers, and opposing as their aim the establishment of a "State of Law" versus BISMARCK'S "Military State," may have much to do with the aspirations springing in the first instance from the legal *métier*. It has, however, found a ready echo among the public, and has thus come to embody now one of the prominent features of the "national" programme. M. LASKER, the leader of the "National Liberal" Party, and as such, though an Israelite—one of the pet protégés of the great "Iron Prince," started this topic in Parliament on Wednesday. The motion was ultimately carried by a large majority, but not without emphatic protest from the South Germans, and, as Government is hardly favorable to the project, at least until it is further matured, the parliamentary victory cannot count for very much. For criminal law, a general basis has already been supplied, and a code providing general identical features is already in force. With regard to civil law, the amalgamation offers far more obstacles, for the existing codes have, in progress of time, become so popular in their respective districts, that nobody likes to adopt his neighbor's, in which he detects a mote, while overlooking the beam possibly in his own. As a rule, the South Germans have more liberal laws than the Northerners, though the Prussian code has been recently very much improved by amalgamation with the Hanoverian, for which task the present Minister of Justice, Dr. LEONHARDT, though a Hanoverian, was appointed to his post in 1866. Strange to say, the code that would be most regretted if parted with is the Code Napoleon, still in force in some of the western provinces.

THE RELIGIOUS QUESTION.

The question of law leads me on to one of far greater consequence, and of so puzzling an aspect at present that it is difficult to give a clear account of it. As a motion brought in by the Bavarian Government seems to indicate, King LEWIS finds his patience with the Bishops at an end, and proposes to assert his authority. The Bavarian proposal is that it should be made penal (by imprisonment up to two years) to use the pulpit for speeches of a political character. What the fate of this motion will be it is impossible to foretell. The popular motto being, "A free Church in a free State," public opinion in general is altogether against it. On the whole, the Bavarian clergy has been less forward and less violent of late. Some excommunications and some other squabbles have taken place, but much fewer than some weeks ago. The priests finding their hold on the people slipping gradually from their hands, have reversed their tactics, and consented to christen, confirm, marry and bury persons about whose or whose parents' loyalty to the infallibility dogma they are not sure, or, sometimes, even though they were aware that they were dealing with a black sheep of their flock. The fact is, however Government may wink at Ultramontanism in the North, the Bavarian Ministry is frightened at it. If the clergy knew how to manage the Catholic people they would be far more powerful than Government itself, and in the Chamber the majority are Ultramontane, the two component sections of that party having—as today's papers inform us—struck a new and firm alliance. Thus the Bavarian Government is controled at home, and is therefore desirous of enlisting what allies it can on its side. In Prussia the religious question has advanced another step by the publication of the Bishop's manifesto to King WILLIAM and the latter's reply. The former is dated Sept. 7, the latter Oct. 14. As it is of importance, and the language is considered of as great consequence as the matter, I append the translation in full, premising that the Bishops, in complaining of various infractions of the agreement subsisting between the Roman Catholic Church and the Prussian State by acts of the ministry of public worship and education, give their remonstrance the form not of a petition but a protest, speaking out boldly and singly, and as an example one special case in which a religious teacher at the Roman Catholic gymnasium at Braunsberg has been kept in office in spite of the remonstrances of the Bishops of the diocese on account of his open adherence to "old Catholic" doctrines.

THE EMPEROR TO THE BISHOPS.

The Emperor's reply is directed to the Archbishop of Cologne, and is couched in the following terms:

"In the manifesto addressed to us by your Eminence, in conjunction with several other bishops, measures taken by my Government in matters of higher education in conformity with the existing laws are represented as open and illegal interference in matters of faith and of the Church, and as an undisguised coercion of conscience! And your Eminence professes yourself induced formally to protest against all such interference in matters of faith and internal law of the Catholic Church! After the bishops of the Catholic Church, and especially His Holiness the Pope himself, have hitherto uniformly acknowledged the Catholic Church to enjoy a favored position in Prussia such as it holds scarcely in any other country, I am surprised to find in a manifesto of Prussian bishops echoes of a language by which attempts have been made in Parliament and in the Press to shake the observed confidence with which my Catholic subjects have hitherto regarded my Government. Your Eminence knows that no change has taken place in this legislation, which hitherto enjoyed the approbation of the Catholic episcopacy; nor has your Eminence named any law in your manifesto that my Government is supposed to have infringed. If, on the other hand, occurrences have taken place within the Catholic Church in consequence of which its hitherto satisfactory relations with the State are threatened in Prussia with an interruption, I cannot pretend to feel myself called to give an opinion entering on dogmatic questions on this fact; it will rather be the task of my Government to endeavor, in the way of legislation, to effect a legal solution of the recent conflicts between temporal and ecclesiastical authorities, so far as they cannot be avoided altogether. Until this has been accomplished in a constitutional manner, it is my duty to maintain the existing laws in force, and, in conformity with them, to protect every Prussian in his rights. The task of replying in detail to the charges against my Government, addressed to me by your eminence, I leave to my Government. I had hoped that the influential elements within the Catholic Church, which formerly showed themselves averse to the national movement under Prussian guidance, would, after the constitutional reformation of the German Empire, have accorded their voluntary support to the peaceable development of that Empire in the interest of political order. The friendly expressions with which his Holiness, the Pope, saluted me in a letter of his own writing on the establishment of the Empire, made me hope so. But even if this hope is not verified, no disabusing experience in this matter will ever prevent my still inforcing in future that in my kingdom every creed shall enjoy the full measure of freedom compatible with the rights of others, and the equality before the law of all. In the consciousness of having conscientiously performed my royal duty to practice benevolent justice toward every one, I shall not suffer my confidence, confirmed by experience in my Catholic subjects, to be shaken, and I am sure that this confidence is both reciprocal and enduring."

This manifesto, paving the way for one to be composed under Prince BISMARCK'S direction, and discussing the questions started on their merits, and probably in a less ceremonious manner, is hailed as the record of a great advance on the Liberal side.

MISCELLANEOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The prorogation of the Parliament appears definitely settled for this day week. That is the last soirée for which Prince BISMARCK has issued invitations, and as the Coinage law is already passed, and the Budget is making good progress, it is expected that no further prolongation of the session will be needful. The decree convoking the Russian Diet for Monday, the 27th of November, is already published. Prince BISMARCK has attended the imperial battues at Letzlingen only for one day, but the Emperor has gone vigorously through the whole programme, the result being the slaughter of 542 deer, two wild boars, and one fox. At one of the hunts arranged to vary the entertainment, the Prince of HOHENZOLLERN had the misfortune to fall from his horse and break his arm....The official account of the Franco-German War is approaching its completion, under the direction of its great hero, MOLTKE himself. Pending its publication as a whole, the most interesting subsections are to be published on the authority of their editors, all of them officers of the staff. The parts hitherto announced as in the press are that narrating the concluding period of the war, from the Battle of Sedan onwards, written by Major von BLUME; Col. VON WARTENSLEBEW, chief of staff of Gen. VON MANTEUFFEL, is bringing out a report on the campaign against BOURBAKI. Two other volumes treat of the campaign of Prince FREDERICK CHARLES and of the defeat of Gen. FAIDHERBE....The leading periodical on political and legal subjects, viz., the *Preussische Jahrbücher*, devotes an article of some length in its current number to a discussion of the Tammany frauds, from which circumstance you may judge how great an interest these revelations have excited among ourselves. The *Jahrbücher*, arguing from a specifically Prussian point of view, ascribes the cause of the whole scandalous business to the existence of universal suffrage in America.

Shocking Accident—A Man Torn in Pieces.

From the Pottsville (Penn.) Journal, Dec. 4.

An accident occurred at Honetown, about two miles distant from Tamaqua, on Friday afternoon, by which a German named JOHN G. BURNHART lost his life. BURNHART was employed as teamster, delivering beer for a Tamaqua firm. On the day of the accident, he went to Honetown with his mules for the purpose of delivering beer, and while descending the Honetown Hill, on the return trip, it appears that he leaned over for the purpose of working the wagon-brake, and in so doing lost his balance and fell down upon the double-tree, in which his foot caught. The wagon pushed the mules, and they started on a run, dragging the unfortunate man all the way to Taggertsville, a distance of about a mile, over the rough frozen ground. When picked up the body was lifeless, and it was found that a greater portion of his head had been ground off on the hubs, the left hand cut off at the wrist, and the flesh entirely stripped from the arm to the shoulder, while the right arm was broken in seven or eight places, and his body horribly mangled. BURNHART was a single man, about thirty years of age, was sober and industrious, and had no relatives in this country. Deputy Coroner O'BRIEN, of Tamaqua, summoned a jury, and an inquest was held on the remains, resulting in a verdict in accordance with the above facts. The remains were interred at Tamaqua on Saturday afternoon.

ENGLAND.

Topics of the Day—Co-Operation in London—The English Civil Service—Future of Co-Operation—Sunday Amusements—The Anglican Clergy—The Contagious Diseases Act—A Novelist's Expedient—The Subject of Mormonism.

From a Special Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Nov. 18, 1871.

Canon GREGORY, of St. Paul's, preached a sermon, the other day, in the cathedral, on the present state of England compared with what it was in 1688. "Then," he said, "wealth was more equally diffused, there was more comfort for the laboring class, manners were patriarchal, sympathy more abundant, and classes knit more closely together. The nobles were the leaders of the country—its natural chiefs and advisers—the gentry lived upon their estates, among their people, in the exercise of a profuse, if rough, hospitality, and in the practice of the virtue and piety which are poetically ascribed to a rural state of life. Now, on the contrary, wealth is unequally distributed, the richer classes being better off, and the poorer more deeply sunk in poverty; the nobles are less distinguished by influence and power, or by personal superiority, from other classes; the gentry do not live nearly so much upon their estates; there is little sympathy between class and class in towns, because the rich live in one quarter and the poor herd together in another, the only bond between them being that of labor performed and wages paid." With BRADLAUGH and ODGER preaching democracy and treason to the working classes, and Sir CHARLES DILKE pledging the middle classes to a republic, it is high time for Mr. SCOTT RUSSELL'S Council of Statesmen to bestir themselves. Sir CHARLES DILKE, by the way, does not find his part of the revolution altogether rose-water. He had engaged to give his lecture at Bristol, but the gentleman who had promised to preside wrote to inform him that, after reading the report of his speech at Newcastle, he should decline to take part in any meeting at which Sir CHARLES was to be a speaker. After these cutting remarks, I have not heard what is to be done; but, of course, no one can speak in England without a chairman or president to speak to. To give a lecture without somebody in the chair would be quite too revolutionary a proceeding.

HONORS TO MR. DISRAELI.

Mr. DISRAELI was elected Lord Rector of the University of Glasgow by a large majority. As the University is, like Scotland generally, radical in politics, and as Mr. RUSKIN is a Tory, though run as a Liberal candidate, the election is considered as having no political significance. But boys are generally Tories. It is the poetical and imaginative party. The Liberals are prosaic and practical. And now let us see what the great conservative educator and Ex-Prime Minister will give us as Lord Rector. As the whole duties of his office are comprised in giving one inaugural address, and making one after-dinner speech, they ought to be good ones.

THE ANGLICAN CLERGY.

Principal TULLOCH, a Scottish Presbyterian D. D., has been paying his compliments to the Anglican clergy. Their

"Marvelous ignorance of theological questions is astonishing, and helps to keep floating in the newspapers and society a mass of prejudice and absurdities of the most aggravating character. The recent discussions as to the English Bishops preaching in a parish church in the Highlands was an illustration of this, especially on the part of the English newspapers and the English clergy. A more lamentable display could hardly have been given of bigotry and ignorance, of that blind adherence to a petty circle of ideas, which characterizes many of the Anglican clergy—in some respects, as to their profession, the least educated clergy in the word. The slightest knowledge as to the historical relations of the two National Churches to one another and to the two types of Protestantism which they represent would have saved us from all that nonsense. To a man who had taken a large grasp of the sequence of theological feeling and opinion, some of the aspects of those controversies are at once ridiculous and lamentable."

Where they preach in that way people must not sell milk on Sundays. A Scottish minister refused last Sunday to baptize the child of a man who committed the impunity of providing other people's children with milk on that day. There is, however, a good deal of English milk that children are not the better for. Eruptions of the mouth, nose and face, sore tongue, sore throat, and salivation have been caused in numerous cases by drinking milk from cows suffering from foot-and-mouth disease.

THE CONTAGIOUS DISEASES ACT.

The Royal Commission on the Contagious Diseases act, (as to women,) has made its report. In a session of forty-five days it asked 20,385 questions of eighty witnesses, for and against, and the report, with all these questions and their answers, fills a blue book of nearly 900 large double-column pages. The report is in favor of continuing and extending the act, with some modifications. The opposition to it is so violent that Mrs. JOSEPHINE BUTLER informed the commission that the working men in the North would rise in rebellion against it, if it were not repealed.

A NOVELIST'S EXPEDIENT.

One of the resorts of men very hard up is to put attractive advertisements in newspapers of secretaries, traveling-companions, &c., wanted, with high salaries for light duties. The legion of applicants are invited to send stamped envelopes. If the advertisement costs 2s. 6d., and brings one hundred answers, there is a profit of 5s. 10d. But there is the liability to Police interference. A son of a member of Parliament, who is ambitious of figuring as a novelist, wanted some hints for the character of a governess, so he put an advertisement in the *Times:* "Wanted, a governess in a nobleman's family, £100 a year salary; send recommendations and photograph." Some three hundred letters came tumbling in in two days. Notice was given to the Police, the whole lot seized and the young novelist arrested. But as none of the ladies could be induced to appear against him, he got off with a fatherly admonition from the magistrate, on engaging to return all the letters and all the lovely photographs to their fair senders. The nobleman's family was the blunder. He might have advertised for governesses for himself till doomsday, and no Policeman could have interfered, especially if he had put his proper name to the advertisement; or, if he had simply advertised for what he wanted, it would have been still better. The novel is to be called "The Two Lives." It will sell.

THE SUBJECT OF MORMONISM.

The animated and clever letters of Grace Greenwood in the NEW-YORK TIMES on the Mormon difficulty in Utah are being widely copied in the English papers. There is a certain amount of curiosity here in the higher classes, and stronger interest in the lower class, from which the Mormons have been large drawn; but English notions on the marriage question are rather loose. In the first place more than half the population of the British Empire live under laws which sanction polygamy, and people do not see why you should not be as tolerant in Utah as they are in India. Then it really does look a little like persecution, and the practice of packing juries, as was formerly the custom in Ireland, where no Roman Catholic was allowed to sit on one, is not now approved of. A man must be tried by a jury of his peers, and how can a man with only one wife be considered the peer of a man with a dozen? There is no equality about it. Bigamy, and so on, is so common an offense in England that it is little considered, and lightly punished. If the other wife, or wives, consent to the arrangement, there can be no conviction, or only a nominal punishment. Here, the offended wife must prosecute. If she refuses, there is no case for a jury. So long as the ladies are agreed, a man could have as many wives here as in Turkry—and, by the way, what does the Turkish Ambassador think of these prosecutions? Some of the ladies of my acquaintance are very charitable to the Mormons. Some, I must say, are rather venomous, but, as persecutions strengthen whatever people really believe in, false or true, it seems a pity to give Mormonism such a tonic, or have the old tragedy of the Albigenses repeated in the mountains of Utah. It was an experiment and might have failed and died out of itself. It is quite possible that persecution, even to fire and blood, may give it longer life. The Mormons of every stripe I have seen are fanatics, and fanatics will generally fight. If I am not greatly mistaken, you are far from having seen the last of it. When the New-York Ring, and political curruption, generally, is done for, it will be time enough to deal with BRIGHAM YOUNG and his parody on the Patriarchs in the Rocky Mountains.

MONADNOCK.

Health of the Regular Army.

The annual report of Surgeon-General BARNES states that the monthly reports of sick and wounded received at his office for the fiscal year terminating June 30, 1871, represent an annual average mean strength of 29,365 white, and 2,608 colored troops. Among the white troops, the total number of cases of all kinds reported as taken on the sick list was 63,507, being at the rate of 2,163 per 1,000 mean of strength. (That is about two entries on sick report during the year for each man.) Of the whole number taken on sick report 54,710, or 1,863 per 1,000 of strength were for disease alone, and 8,797, or 300 per 1,000 of strength were wounds, accidents, and injuries of all kinds. The average number constantly on sick report during the year was 1,480, or 51 per 1,000 of strength; of these 1,190, or 41 per 1,000 of strength, were under treatment for disease, and 290, or 10 per 1,000 of strength, for wounds, accidents and injuries.

The total number of deaths reported was 519, or 17 per 1,000 of mean strength. Of these 363, or 12 per 1,000 of strength, died of disease, and 156, or 5 per 1,000 of strength, of wounds, accidents and injuries. The total mortality rate is greater than that for the previous year, the chief increase occurring in the proportion of deaths from disease. The proportion of deaths from all causes to cases treated was 1 death to 122 cases.

One thousand and ninety-one white soldiers are reported to have been discharged on "Surgeon's Certificate of Disability," being at the rate of 37 per 1,000 of mean strength. The reports from the colored troops give the following figures, which do not include the white officers. The total number of cases of all kinds reported was 3,451 or 1,382 per 1,000 of strength. Of these 2,964, or 1,137 per 1,000 of strength, were cases of disease, and 587, or 225 per 1,000 of strength, were wounds, accidents, and injuries. The average number constantly on sick report was 104 or 40 per 1,000, of whom 74, or 28 per 1,000, were under treatment for disease, and 30, or 12 per 1,000, for wounds, accidents and injuries.

The number of deaths from all causes reported was 49, or 19 per 1,000 of strength. Of these, 28, or 11 per 1,000 of strength, died of disease, and 21, or 8 per 1,000 of strength, of wounds, accidents and injuries. The proportion of deaths from all causes to cases treated was 1 to 72. The number of discharges on "Surgeon's Certificate of Disability" was 71, being at the rate of 27 per 1,000 of mean strength.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Another Cry for Justice.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Almost daily some announcement is made of proceedings against INGERSOLL, GARVEY, WOODWARD, &c. Can you tell the public why the carpenters, A. G. MILLER and GEO. S. MILLER, are never mentioned? By the published statements, never denied, it appears that these men sent in bills to the amount of $2,189,690 for the new Court-house ($1,439,619 carpenter-work and $750,071 repairs on wood-work) and $795,195 wood-work on armories, or nearly $3,000,000 in all, (by far the largest swindle of any,) for work estimated to be worth $45,000. They now keep splendid establishments, "handsomest carriages in town," &c. Why are they left undisturbed to enjoy their ill-gotten gains?

EQUAL JUSTICE TO ALL.

Names of Streets.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I desire to call the attention of our City Fathers (if we have any now) to the names and numbers of the cross-streets. What I would suggest is, that the names of cross-streets be put on the front of the lamps and the names or numbers of the avenues on the sides of the lamps. This arrangement of the names of streets would greatly promote the comfort and convenience of travelers in cars and stages in this bustling City, where time is money. By the present arrangement of the names, it is next to impossible for a person to read the names on the sides of the lamps of a dark stormy night, or when the windows are frosted—even though you twist your neck fairly out of joint; my neck is lame now with the attempt to look round the corner to read the name of the street I wanted to get out at. As for the conductors calling out the names of the streets, that is quite out of the question; they are too grand for that. Passengers are constantly carried beyond their point, sometimes several blocks, for lack of the ability to read the names on the sides of the lamps. The names of the avenues could be properly put on the sides of the lamps, or left off altogether, as we all know the names of the avenues. I think this would be a great public convenience, and therefore call the attention of our rulers to it. B.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, Dec. 2, 1871.

Securities Against Frauds at Elections.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

On Friday, Nov. 24, the *Tribune* had a leader on purification of elections, the chief dependence of which was swearing, shielding the voter from all exertion, trusting to the upright integrity of OAKEY'S inspectors and the immaculate virtue of TWEED'S scrutinizing constituents.

Mr. GREELEY is a great man, and the writer hereof a small one, knowing nothing of grammar, rhetoric or the classics; notwithstanding all which he presents to all those who really mean business, the following plan in juxtaposition to that of the *Tribune* for consideration:

Anything worth having is worth preserving. The ballot is the life-blood of the Republic, its purity depends upon the intelligent vigilance of the people. They can make it a blessing or a curse, according to their wisdom or folly. Whatever exertion or labor is necessary to keep it pure should be freely granted. Earnest Reformers who mean to stop illegal voting are requested to look on the *Tribune's* plan and then on this.

Let two registers (of opposing political faith, no person voting for more than one) be appointed in each polling district in the several States.

Have uniform certificates prepared by the State, with blank space for a full and perfect description of the individual.

Let the certificate be issued by proper authority to every person entitled to exercise the right of suffrage, and when issued never to be duplicated without incontrovertible proof of the destruction of the original certificate. The owner of the certificate shall, at least three months before he shall be entitled to vote thereon, deposit with the registers of the district in which he resides, his certificate, which certificate shall be his title deed to the elective franchise, and the registers of said district shall record the same, and safely keep the original certificate during the time the owner thereof shall continue to be a resident of said district. Whenever the owner of a certificate desires to remove his residence, he shall be entitled to his original certificate, and the register shall thereupon note upon the certificate, and upon the record, the day and date of said withdrawal, and deliver it to the owner, who may then deposit it with the registers in his future place of residence, the same as if it had never been used.

The registers should be required to make a legal list of voters in their respective districts, and post at a specified point, written or printed copies ten days before each election, said registers to place on the list under "the title will be qualified," the names of those who claim to said registers that they will be (in the intermediate time) entitled to vote on the day of said election. Registers to have charge of the ballot-boxes, count the votes, with power to appoint such number of assistants as may be necessary. Any citizen to have the right to challenge the vote of any person, upon stating his special reason therefor, and the registers shall determine the validity of said objections and the legal right of the voter.

If the above synopis should be built upon and adopted, with proper penalties of fine, disfranchisement and imprisonment, beyond the power of pardon, it would do more to prevent repeating and voting under fictitious names, more toward the perpetuity of the Republic, than all the swearing Hon. HORACE GREELEY could invent from now to eternity.

COMMON SENSE.

NEW-CANAAN, Conn., Monday, Dec. 4, 1871.

Mr. Greeley as President.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It is evident that nothing can prevent the re-election of Gen. GRANT, except a combination between the discontented Republicans and the Democratic Party. A division of the Republican Party is doubtless the hope of the Democratic leaders, since it is their only chance of regaining power and office.

HORACE GREELEY'S ambition to be President and to place the Fenton party in power in New-York, has led him at this early date to commence his attacks on the Administration, and he uses the influence of the *Tribune* to aid him in bringing about the necessary division of the Republican Party. By adopting this course he is playing, so far as he can, into the hands of the Democrats, with whom he must join forces in order to accomplish his object. Since Mr. GREELEY always declares that he is governed by the purest motives he must honestly believe that a change is necessary for the good of the country, and that an Administration is needed with HORACE GREELEY at its head as President. As a Republican, I am anxious to vote for the right man, but before making up my mind to oppose Gen. GRANT I should like to know what benefits will come to the country from the election of Mr. GREELEY. Judging the future by the past it is easy to determine what will be the policy of GRANT'S Administration if he is re-elected. It will continue to be that policy which has, by a steady reduction of the public debt, given a credit to the nation, which is enabling us rapidly to fund our debt at a low rate of interest. A policy which, while avoiding war, has brought about an honorable settlement of our difficulties with England, and which shows a determination to protect the lives and property of our citizens in all parts of the United States. What improvements will come from a change to Mr. GREELEY? The *Tribune* says that your Custom-house officials are corrupt, and declares that GRANT placed a defaulter in charge when MURPHY was made Collector. If the Custom-house officials are as corrupt as the *Tribune* would have us to believe, what improvement can be expected by electing HORACE GREELEY to the Presidency, who until lately has thought that PETER B. SWEENY and OAKEY HALL were injured innocents. Can it be expected that a man who did not at once recognize and proclaim the guilt of the New-York City Ring, will be more likely to place honest men in office than GRANT? Might he not be deceived by some innocent, like your honorable Mayor?

But the election of Mr. GREELEY can only be secured by a union of his Republican supporters and the Democratic Party. The principles of that party are so well known, and have been so decisively repudiated in the late elections, that its only hope of success is in a rupture of the Republican Party. The Democratic leaders acknowledge this. In my own State a prominent light of the Democracy, JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, in effect says this, and also that he should prefer an Administration under JEFF DAVIS to one under GRANT.

Do the Republicans of the country agree with this truly Democratic sentiment? HORACE GREELEY may, as he is an old friend of Mr. DAVIS. To elect HORACE GREELEY President, the Republicans of Massachusetts must vote with ADAMS. Can they do it and thus sustain Mr. ADAMS' recent letter? I write for information, being anxious to vote intelligently next year. As yet I see no reason for changing my opinion that Republicans should stand firm, support GRANT, and not be divided by GREELEY & Co. I am open to conviction, if wrong. Will the *Tribune* tell me in what way the country will be benefited by a change from Gen. GRANT'S Administration to one with GREELEY as President, having FENTON, PENDLETON and JOHN QUINCY ADAMS as advisers? By so doing it will greatly oblige a voter and

A REPUBLICAN OF NEW-ENGLAND.

BOSTON, Saturday, Dec. 2, 1871.

The Colored Man and His Rights.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Senator SUMNER'S bill supplementary to he Civil Rights bill is the first bill on the Senate's calendar. It will, if passed, complete the ring of just acts which will guard the Declaration of Independence against the charge of being a string of glittering generalities. It will, if passed by the Republican Party, make the party consistent in its defense of equality before the land for all citizens. No man's rights will be infringed by its passage; there is nothing asked therein for the colored man more than has been asked for and obtained by all other American citizens. By passing it the halls of legislation will be relieved of the story of the colored man's wrongs, which wrongs he will continue to press on Congress and the nation unceasingly until he shall be as secure in his rights as are other Americans.

The plea put forth by some, saying that objectionable intrusions and invasions on social circles will be consequent on the passage of this law, is preposterous. Class regulations will continue to govern individuals. It is not against class we battle, but against laws founded on caste. The same recognition of classes, moral differences and the like, that now restrain will continue to do so. They now restrain and effect relations between whites and whites and colored—why will they not continue to be as effective in restraint between colored and white? These restraints have weight with colored men among themselves. No; all the intelligent colored man demands is to be secured in equality before the law; his self-respect revolts at the idea of breaking down all social barriers.

In many sections that are most moral, educated and refined, that are wealthy and influential, the law now prevails which it is sought to have prevail throughout the land. It prevails in these parts without a known decent protestant. Courts rule in accordance with its spirit; all submit; society exists, social circles are not invaded or endangered.

But the thought that suggested this communication, was, that as it is morally certain that all over the land, law-abiding men, without regard to their color, will soon be fully secured in all their civil rights. Is it not politic for those who may fear it may affect them in business to withdraw opposition, and let the act in question become a law, to be used as a controlling fact with any occasional growler against a course of just action, if the person shall not be willing to urge the plea of justice?

G. T. D.

Quarantine.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I learn from your editorial columns of last Monday that an organized movement is on foot among the merchants of your City to secure a correction of the abuses in the respective offices of Harbor-masters, Port-wardens, and Quarantine Commissioner. The manner in which the proposed reforms are to be brought about is by taking the appointing power of these officials out of the hands of the Governor and lodging it with the Chamber of Commerce. It is intimated that in this way the proposed reforms will be secured, inasmuch, to mention no other reasons, the appointing power being directly interested in the commercial prosperity of the City, will see to it that nothing be done by which those interests may suffer.

Now, however happily conceived this plan of making those who have chiefly suffered from the corruptions of base officials the guardians of their own rights, and however well calculated it may be to overcome the evils complained of in the respective offices of Harbor-masters and Port-wardens, it is yet to be remembered that the interests of the Health Department and those of merchants, are, and always will be, antagonistic. The Chamber of Commerce is an association organized chiefly, if not avowedly, for the promotion of the interests of merchants only. As merchants, they like to make money.

One very important item in commercial transactions is dispatch. To attain it, it is to be feared that in all cases where a doubt might be entertained as to whether a contagious disease existed among the passengers or crew of a vessel entering the port, the benefit of the doubt would be given to the consignees by the appointee and favorite of the aforesaid Chamber of Commerce, and the vessel sent on its way rejoicing.

Rather than that the public health should be jeopardized in this manner, and the welfare of the community sacrificed to the rapacity of merchants, it were far better to endure even for another year the despotism of the present incumbent. The merchants of this City have undoubtedly suffered most severely from the high-handed outrages of Dr. CARNOCHAN, in the unjust detention of their vessels and cargoes. But it is also undoubtedly true that in many cases where vessels have been detained from a commendable regard for the public health, complaints have likewise arisen. We do not wish to say that the Chamber of Commerce would deliberately select a Quarantine officer from his known partiality to the interests of that body, but simply to affirm a well-recognized ethical principle, that where a public duty is vested in a body whose interests are oftimes incompatible with the right performance of that duty, we cannot reasonably hope for that sedulous regard for the public weal that we have a right to demand. Moreover, the attitude in which the Chamber of Commerce stand to the Legislature recently chosen, is decidedly objectionable.

Has it not occurred to you, Sir, that a demand of the nature under discussion, coming from the Chamber of Commerce, is preposterous in that august body a higher degree of mental and moral attainment than is possessed by the forthcoming Legislature, and a greater zeal in providing for the common good? Is it not virtually saying to the Legislature, "We, the immaculate Chamber of Commerce, out of motives of pure disinterestedness, have voluntarily assumed the burden of filling up the gap of mental and moral vacuity which will be so painfully manifest just as soon as you, gentlemen, undertake the work of reform?" We have no just reason to doubt that the Legislature recently elected will be fully able to cope with all questions of public interest. In conclusion, let us hope for a repeal of all the enactments under which the present officials were appointed; and that the appointing power be vested in the Senate; the confirmatory power residing in the Assembly.

A READER OF THE TIMES.

Prison Felicities.

A correspondent of the San Francisco *Bulletin*, who has recently visited the California State Prison, writes in the following glowing style:

"San Quentin Prison, viewed from a freeman's stand-point, is most cheerful at night. The sharp angles of walls are then softened by obscurity, the guards upon the rim of the inclosure seem as mere pigmies, and the whole space is pervaded with an atmosphere of peace and contentment. The writer entered the prison-yard on Thursday evening, Capt. GILCHRIST proffering the open sesame, and took note of the surroundings. The moonlight danced over the whitened picket-fence of the garden, and brought into bold relief the hump backed swan who reigns supreme therein; the buildings wore a garb of mellow light, and nothing of a depressing nature suggested itself. A few steps forward, and the thump of a watchman's cane is heard. The hum and buzz of the prisoners greet the ear, and a short walk brings us to the lattice works of the old prison windows, on the ground floor. Room No. 3, occupied by about forty whites, is the most attractive place. The apartment is 24 by 36 feet, 9 feet high, and has an arched roof. Think of it—more than forty men sleeping in a room of this character. But they are merry. Some are reading, others smoking, some sewing, others cracking jokes and none scowling. This is the fashionable quarter of the prison; the musical and oratorical talent here resides, and that man alone who can contribute to the general enjoyment of the inmates is admitted. Agreeable to a signal from the Captain, two native Californians gave a delicious duet on the guitar; and the Glee Club followed with 'Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming,' and other familiar ballads, rendering the music in good style. Later in the evening the occupants of the hall, which was well attended. Some of the prisoners were dressed in female apparel, with Grecian bend, high-heeled shoes and jute *ad lib.* Two guitars, a violin, flute and triangle, furnished excellent music for these terpsichorean festivities; and an individual of a returning disposition did the calling. The writer did not ask the character of the crimes represented in the quadrilles, but could not help thinking of the lines in HARTE'S 'Her Answer to His Letter:'

'The time I went down the centre
With the man that shot Sandy McGee.'

At 9 o'clock, the usual time, lights were extinguished, and the prisoners retired to their bunks."

ADMISSION TO THE BAR.

The Average Low Standard of the New-York Bar—Its Causes and its Remedy.

The average low standard of the members of the legal profession in the City of New-York is attributable to the facility with which persons are admitted and licensed to practice as attorneys, solicitors and counsellors in our Courts. It is by no means difficult for any one who chooses to obtain membership to the Bar and a license to practice as a lawyer. The qualifications for admission are not very great, nor are they proportionate to the requirements of the profession. The mode adopted of ascertaining those qualifications is not at all adequate. A hundred or more applicants are asked in rotation, by the examiners appointed by the Judges who hold the General Term of the Court, a few simple questions, and if their answers are at all satisfactory, they are recommended for admission.

A large portion of these are young men, who a year or so since sought employment in some law office with the view of gaining a subsistence, rather than with any ulterior purpose of becoming professional men. As their chief recommendation was the writing of a good legible hand, they were assigned to do the copying and other clerical duties of the office. In the course of a year or so they become inspired with the ambition of becoming members of the Bar and entitled to practice as lawyers, and make application to be admitted as such. Coming with the recommendation of some respectable lawyer, little objection is interposed to their admission. Hence they soon set up for themselves, and assume the responsibilities of members of the legal profession. No inquiry has been made as to the course of studies they have pursued

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—DEC. 5.

FIRST BOARD.

$38,000 U. S. 5s, '81, C..109¾
2,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '62..111⅜
20,000 Tenn. St.6s,new. 66⅜
94,000 S. Car. 8t 6s, n.. 43½
Jan. and July. 29⅛
100,000 do 29¼
2,000 S. Car. St. 6s, N.. ....
April and Oct.. 27⅜
20,000 Mo. St. 6s..... 98
17,000 do..... 98¼
4,000 N. Y. C. 7s, '76..102⅜
4,000 Alb. & Sus. 2d.. 98
13,000 Un. Pac. 1st..... 91⅜
1,000 do..... 91½
5,000 Chi., B. & Q 8s.101⅛
4,000 Un. P.7s L.G.B. 79⅜
14,000 R. & St. Jo.8s C. 94
1,000 Han. & Nap.1st. 88
1,000 O. & Miss. 2d..c. 83
12,500 C. C. & I.C. 1st. 89⅜
1,000 Cl. West. 2d..... 85½
10 Bank of Republic.... 115½
1 Park Bank..... 155½
50 Del. & Hud. Can....122
100 Con. Coal of Md... 43
50 Quick. Mtn. Coal.... 117
360 W. Un. Tel..b. c. 69¼
100 do..... 69⅝
1000 do..... 69
100 do..... 69
100 Pacific Mail..... 49¾
200 Adams. Ex..... 89¾
100 do..... b30. 87½

SECOND BOARD.

$10,000 U.S. 5-20 C.,'62..111¾
3,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '65.111⅜
2,000 do..... 111½
4,000 U. S. 5-20 C., '67..111⅝
10,000 do..... 53.111½
25,000 do..... 111⅜
25,000 S. C. St. 6s, Apl. and Oct..... 27
5,000 La. Cn. Lev. Bds. 83¾
1,000 Un. Pac.10s, Inc. 81½
1,000 C. & I. & P.R.7s.102¾
5,000 St.L. & I.M.1st8. 94
200 West. Union Tel.. 69¾
800 do..bet. cash.. 69¼
400 do..... 69⅜
100 Quick. Pref..... 30
500 Adams Ex..... 87
50 Am. Mer. U. Ex.... 96
200 Erie..... 31⅜
100 do..... b3. 31½

TUESDAY, Dec. 5—P. M.

The Public Documents are quietly received on the Street today, and, as a rule, they are favorably construed, financially. The recommendation of the Postmaster-General, indorsed by the President, to take possession of the Telegraph, as part of the Postal system, while advancing the price of Western Union Telegraph Stock, is not regarded with general favor. At least as the proposition now presents itself it admits of grave doubt whether the business of telegraphy could be better administered, or so well or economically conducted by the Government as by private or corporate enterprise. The leading friends of the Western Union either feel or affect indifference to the proposed experiment, unless at a round figure, by way of indemnity for surrendering their lines.

There have been further Gold disbursements from the New-York Office of the Treasury in redemption of United States 5-20s this week, $2,200,000 yesterday and $800,000 today, making with last week's payments ten million of dollars. Much of the Gold is coming on the market at 110½@110 ⅝ cent., and the proceeds reinvested in 5-20s of 1867 and other of the Public Funds, including the new 5 ⅝ cents, all of which were firm today, the 1867s selling freely at 114¼ ⅝ cent. There were free sales of Gold at 110 ⅝ cent., the first considerable transactions at this figure since the close of the War, for although the price touched 110 ⅝ cent. in the Spring of 1870, it was only for a brief time and on comparatively light transactions.

It is reported from Washington that $3,000,000 Gold Warrants, additional to the payments at New-York, are now afloat, and not yet presented for payment.

The Foreign Exchanges are barely steady on the fall in Gold to 110 ⅝ cent. The supply of Cotton bills neutralizes the demand for bills to remit for the United States 5-20s redeemed, even assuming that this account is not covered by the transmission of other American Stocks.

A sharp demand for money is reported among the Brokers this afternoon, at 7 ⅝ cent., and in some instances at 7 ⅝ cent. Gold Interest. The stir in the market, which cannot be called general, as balances are still left with leading firms at 6 ⅝ cent. is attributed in part to a sudden demand for Currency to go to Savannah, and, perhaps, other Cotton ports. The extent of this disturbing cause may not be exaggerated by Street rumor, but it seems not unreasonable to assume that the Banks are gaining two dollars in Gold Notes while losing one in Greenbacks, so that the equilibrium of lawful Money should be preserved. Another point in this day's market is that Stocks opened firm and continued in demand through the forenoon, against a pretty influential opposition to the rising speculation in the New-York and Western Roads and in Western Telegraph. The *Bull* and *Bear* parties being thus arrayed against each other, the occurrence of a clamor about tight Money cannot be deemed an unusual one, nor is it surprising that the pressure at the close of the day, on the street-corners where the price is made after the regular hours for making up Bank accounts, should be magnified.

On the Stock Exchange, Western Telegraph advanced this morning to 69½@69¾ ⅝ cent.; Lake Shore Stock to 90@90¼ ⅝ cent., and the Scrip to 83½ ⅝ cent. Most of the other Western Roads were firm, and a fraction higher than last night, and New-York Central and Scrip steady. A good business was done at and between the Boards, while after the adjournment of the Second Board, in the Hall of the Exchange prices weakened off, and finally closed as on the list of quotations below. The Southern State Bonds were weak on South Carolinas and steady on Tennessees. The Public Funds left off steady, after a considerable business in the Government Board Room of the Exchange and at the counters of the prominent dealers.

CLOSING PRICES—DEC. 5.	Monday.	Tuesday.
United States 10-40s.....	110	110
United States 5-20s of 1862....	111	111¼
United States 5-20s of 1867....	114¼	114¼
American Gold.....	110½	110
Bills on London, 60 days.....	109	109
N. Y. C. and Hudson.....	92¼	92¼
N. Y. C. and Hud. Debt Ctfs..	87¼	87
Reading.....	115	114¼
Chicago and Rock Island....	103½	103¾
North-west Common.....	61¼	61⅜
North-west Preferred.....	90	90
Pacific Mail.....	46¼	46¼
St. Paul Preferred.....	78⅜	78⅜
St. Paul Common.....	55¼	54¾
Ohio and Mississippi.....	42⅜	42¼
Toledo and Wabash.....	64½	63¼
Western Telegraph.....	68¾	69
Erie.....	31⅜	31½
Union Pacific.....	27½	26¾
Lake Shore, Ex Scrip.....	89¼	89½
Lake Shore Scrip.....	83¼	83¼

At the very close the Railroad dealings were steady.

UNITED STATES TREASURY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 5, 1871.

Gold receipts.....	$611,246 93
Gold payments.....	2,907,253 30
Gold balance.....	65,526,206 63
Currency receipts.....	1,322,121 83
Currency payments.....	271,589 42
Currency balance.....	8,277,022 19
Customs.....	289,000 00

The following bids for the Railway Mortgages are officially reported from the Stock Exchange Board:

N. Y. Cen. 6s, '83..... 90⅛	T. & W. Cons. Conv.. 85
N. Y. Cen. 6s, '87..... 90	Han. & Naples 1st.... 88
N. Y. Cen. 6s, R. Est. 87	Gt. West. 1st, '88..... 93
N. Y. Cen. 6s, Sub'n.. 87	Gt. West. 2d, '93..... 80¼
N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76..... 102	Quin. & Tol. 1st, '90... 86⅛
Erie 2d, 7s, '79..... 93⅜	Gal. & Chi. Ext..... 102
Erie 4th, 7s, '80..... 87	Gal. & Chi. 2d..... 95
Erie 5th, 7s, '88..... 82¾	Chi., R. I. & Pac.... 102¾
B., N. Y. & E. 1st, '77. 59⅛	Morris & Essex 1st.... 101⅛
Long Dock bonds..... 89¼	Morris & Essex 2d.... 99
H. R. 7s, 2d, S. F., '85.105	Clev. & Tol. S. F.....102
H. R. 7s, 3d, '75.....100	N. J. Cen. 1st, new...103
Harlem 1st, 7s.....102	N. J. Cen. 2d.....100
H. Con. M. & S. F. 8s. 90¾	P., Ft. W. & C. 1st...106
Alb. & Susq. 1st bds..101	Cleve. & Pitts. 3d.... 95
Alb. & Susq. 2d bds... 93	Cleve. & Pitts. 4th.... 85
Mich. C. 1st, 8s, '82....116	Chi. & Alton S. F.....98¼
C., B. & Q. 8 ⅝ c. 1st..110¾	Chi. & Alton 1st.....103¼
Mich. S. 7 ⅝ c. 2d.....97	Chi. & Alton Inc.....90
M. S. & N.I.S.F. 7 ⅝ c.100¾	Ohio & Miss. 1st.....101
Pac. 7s, guar. by M.s.101	Ohio & Miss. Consol.. 95½
Cen. Pac. Gold 6s....103¾	Ohio & Miss. 2d..... 82¾
Un. Pac. 1st bds..... 91	Dub. & S. City 1st.... 94¾
Un. Pac. L. G'ts 7s.... 79¾	Pen. R. R. bds..... 91¾
Un. Pac. Inc., 10s.... 81¾	St. L. & I. M. 1st..... 93⅜
Ill. Cen. 7 ⅝ ct., '75....105	Mil. & St. P. 1st, 8s....106
Alt. & T. H. 1st..... 98	Mil. & St. P. 1st, 7 3-10. 95
Chi. & N. W. S. F....101	Mil. & St. P. 1st..... 94
Chi. & N. W. Int. bs. 92	Mil.& S.P.,I.& M.Div. 89
Chi. & N. W. Con. bs. 92	Mil. & St. P. 2d..... 83½
Han. & St. Jo. L. G....101	Mar. & Chi. 1st..... 95
Han. & St. Jo. Conv... 90	Joliet & Chi. 1st.....106
Del., L. & W. 1st.....100	Col., Chi. & Ind. 1st... 89¾
Tol. & W. 1st. Ext.... 95½	Col., Chi. & Ind. 2d... 71
T. & W. 1st. St. Ldiv. 87	Tol., Peo. & W.. W.D. 90
Tol. & W. 2d..... 93	N. Y. & N. H. 6s..... 97
Tol. & W. Eq. 2ds..... 80	

The following prices for the various Public Funds of the United States were made at the close of business:

6 ⅝ cent. reg., '81.....114¼
6 ⅝ cent. coup., '81....117¾
5-20 reg., '62.....110¾
5-20 coup., '62.....111⅜
5-20 reg., '64.....110¾
5-20 coup., '64.....110⅞
5-20 reg., '65.....110⅜
5-20 coup., '65.....111⅜
5-20 reg., '67.....110⅜
5-20 coup., '67.....111⅜
5-20 reg., '68.....110⅛
5-20 coup., '68.....110⅝
10-40 reg.....109¾
10-40 coup.....110
5s reg., '81.....109⅝
5s coup., '81.....109¾
6s Currency.....113½

And the following for the Miscellaneous Shares:

Del. & Hudson Canal..122
American Coal Co.....46¾
Spring Mount. Coal....65
Canton Co., Baltimore 70
N. J. Land Imp. Co... 71⅜
Consoli. Coal of Md... 43
Cumb. Coal & Iron.... 88
West. Union Telcn.... 69

PHILADELPHIA STOCKS—DEC. 5.

Telegraphed to Messrs. E. D. Randolph & Co.

	Bid.	Asked.
City 6s, old.....	....	97
City 6s, new.....	....	99
Camden and Amboy.....	135½	136½
Pennsylvania Central.....	58¾	59⅞
Reading.....	115½	115¾
Lehigh Valley.....	59⅞	60
Catawissa Preferred.....	44½	45
Philadelphia and Erie.....	26½	....
Lehigh Navigation.....	36⅜	36¾
Lehigh Gold Loan.....	94	94½

The second call of $10 ⅝ share on the Lake Shore Scrip, as for the First of December, we understand has been promptly paid up, and the Scrip now represents 86½ ⅝ cent., bearing 13½ ⅝ cent., to be called up on or before Aug. 1, 1872, to make it full Stock. The cost of the Scrip at this price is to be deducted $13 33½ as the unpaid assessment, reducing the cost of 100 shares to $7,016 67. No Dividend accrues to the Scrip, however, until after Aug. 1, 1872, except 8 ⅝ cent. ⅝ annum Interest on the $20 ⅝ share assessed, $10 each on Nov. 1 and Dec. 1.

The Toledo and Wabash Road earned in November, 1871, $531,079; November, 1870, $425,687. Increase, $105,392.

The week's exports of Domestic Produce have been to the currency value of $3,947,436.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

☞ ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY'S FIRST MORTGAGE SINKING FUND LAND GRANT BONDS,

BEARING EIGHT PER CENT. (8 p. c.) INTEREST, PAYABLE IN GOLD, FREE OF TAX,

AND IN DENOMINATIONS OF $1,000, $500 AND $100, can be obtained from the undersigned, or through the principal banks and bankers throughout the United States.

The attractive features of these Securities are recognized in the fact that, although they have been but a short time on the market, they are nearly all absorbed, and but a small amount are now for sale.

They combine a perfect security with a liberal rate of interest. This interest account is made light for, and easily borne by, the Company through the operation of the Sinking Fund created from sales of the Company's land, which in many cases draw interest at the rate of ten (10) per cent. per annum. The security behind them is ample in every particular, as they constitute a first and only mortgage on a trunk line of railroad which will soon connect the City of St. Joseph, Mo., (an important railway centre,) with the Union Pacific Railroad at Fort Kearney, materially shortening the distance between the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. In addition to this, the bonds have further security in the fact that there is included in the Mortgage the Company's magnificent Lands, amounting to 1,500,000 acres, known to be among the best in the United States. The Mortgage Indenture prohibits the sale of these Lands at less than Four (4) Dollars per acre, and payable to the Trustees under the Mortgage, for the clear and express purpose of retiring these Bonds. The amount thus realized exceeds the entire amount of Bonds which can be issued, and leaves the road, property and franchises free.

The Bonds have thirty years to run, with interest at Eight per Cent., free of tax, payable February and August in each year.

Both principal and interest are payable in gold.

The principal is New-York. The interest in either New-York, London or Frankfort-on-the-Main, at the option of the holder, without notice, and in the gold currency of the country in which they are presented. They are coupons or registered.

Trustees—Farmers' Loan and Trust Company.

The present price of these Bonds is 97½ and accrued interest in *currency*, from Aug. 15, 1871. But they are receivable at par and accrued interest in payment for lands sold by the Company. The right is reserved to advance the present selling price without notice.

Maps, circulars, documents and full information furnished on application.

Though acting as agents for the sale of this loan, our firm buy and sell in their regular business the bonds of the St. Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, those of the Eastern Division eight per cent.,(8 p. c.) recently placed by us at 97½, being now quoted at from 101½ to 102½ and accrued interest.

TANNER & CO.,
Bankers, No. 11 Wall-st.

☞ THE REDEMPTION OF 5-20 BONDS BY THE GOVERNMENT

WAS COMMENCED DEC. 1, AND IS rapidly going on, releasing a large amount of invested capital, a large proportion of which must seek reinvestment in substantial securities.

We offer and recommend the SIX PER CENT. GOLD BONDS OF THE CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILROAD COMPANY as among the **safest and most desirable securities to be had in the market for the secure investment of capital.**

A small proportion only of the loan now remains unsold, and the reinvestment of the proceeds of redeemed Five-twenties should absorb them within a short time.

Present price, 94 and accrued interest.

Interest and principal payable in gold in New-York City. Interest May 1 and Nov. 1. Denominations, $1,000, $500 and $100, coupon or registered.

The popularity of, and demand for, the CENTRAL PACIFIC 6 PER CENT. GOLD BONDS, originally put on the market by us, and now in demand at 103½, afford an illustration of the **high standing which this class of Bonds, amply secured on well-managed and productive Trunk Lines of Railroad, must always maintain.**

We buy and sell, as usual, Government and CENTRAL PACIFIC BONDS, and receive them in exchange for CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO BONDS. Accounts of Banks, Bankers and others received, on which we allow interest. Orders for Investment Stocks and Bonds executed at the Stock Exchange. FISK & HATCH.

HARVEY FISK.
A. S. HATCH.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD OFFICE,
LAND DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, Nov. 28, 1871.

☞ SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED until noon, Dec 12, for the sale of 50,000 of the Land Bonds of said Company to the undersigned Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the Indenture of April 16, 1867. The bids will be opened Dec. 13, and accepted bids declared.

JOHN DUFF,
C. H. MCCORMICK, } Trustees.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

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There is no investment accessible to the people which is more

PROFITABLE OR SAFE.

All marketable securities received in exchange at their highest cash value.

Holders of Five-twenties, and all desiring to invest in reliable bonds, will receive full particulars on application to banks and bankers throughout the country, or to

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☞ EIGHT PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE GOLD BONDS OF THE MOBILE AND MONTGOMERY RAILROAD COMPANY, INDORSED BY ALABAMA, $12,000 A MILE ON A COMPLETED ROAD. PARTICULARS ON APPLICATION. FOR SALE AT NINETY-FIVE AND ACCRUED INTEREST BY

SOUTTER & CO.,
NO. 53 WILLIAM-ST.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS—THIS DAY.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The following is the Court of Appeals day calendar for Dec. 6: Nos. 326, 388, 448, 449, 450, 451, 513, 514, 515, 517, 519, 537, 540, 641, 642.

The last thirteen causes are appeals against the New-York Central Railroad Company, and will be heard as one cause.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Ingraham, C. J., and Cardozo and Barnard, JJ.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Criminal Calendar.

Nos.	Nos.
85—O'Keil vs. The People.	89—The People vs. Mc-Gynes.
86—Brown vs. The People.	90—Edwards and Collins vs. The People.
87—Smith vs. The People.	
88—The People vs. McNevins.	

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Part I.—Held by Van Brunt, J.—Court opens at 10½ A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
169—Taylor vs. O'Conner et al.	663—Williams vs. Sherman et al.
169—Liebman et al. vs. Brenner et al.	665—Kohler vs. Finch.
431—Jacobs vs. O'Brien, Sheriff, &c.	665½—Shelow et al. vs. Kelly.
639—Whelan vs. Gloucester.	667—Wheaton vs. Coulter.
329—(R. G.) Fugelsang vs. Goldrich et al.	669—Taylor vs. Kastman.
3—Swords et al. vs. Edgar et al.	671—Andrews et al. vs. Wilkins.
295—Chaffer et al. vs. Sensenderfer.	673—Moloney et al. vs. Wilkins.
493—Butler et al. vs. Kelly, Sheriff, &c.	675—Metropolitan Paper Collar Co. vs. Frier et al.
659—Middleton vs. Selegman et al.	677—Conklin vs. Rogers et al.
661—Harcourt vs. Swinton.	679—Claflin et al. vs. Levy et al.

Part II.—Held by Brady, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
342½—Saverini vs. Bull.	398—Sheehy vs. Sharky.
334—Hopkins vs. Gardner et al.	400—Claflin et al. vs. Reensburger.
362—Hall et al. vs. O'Brien, Sheriff, et al.	2422—Cook et al. vs. The Mayor, &c.
642—Mass vs. O'Brien, Sheriff, et al.	20—Tenth Nat. Bank of New-York vs. Darragh et al.
1022—Nathan vs. O'Brien, Sheriff, et al.	390—Cockroft vs. Claflin et al.
1024—Lewis vs. O'Brien, Sheriff, et al.	270—Phelan et al. vs. O'Brien, Sheriff.
1474—Rainbow et al. vs. Amicable Mutual Life Ins. Co.	346—Brown vs. Halen.
946—Hoolgaberger vs. Second-av. R. R. Co.	410—Tweddle et al. vs. Shaefer.
876—Owen vs. Lawrence.	412—Marcus vs. Hook.
1028—King vs. Wolf.	414—Ahrens et al. vs. Ohler et al.
1826—Moore vs. Rand.	
62—McCauley vs. Gans.	

SUPREME COURT—SPECIAL TERM.

Held by Barnard. J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Issues of Law and Fact.

Nos.	Nos.
83—Wolfe vs. Charlotte Brinkerhoff et al.	98—Whitcomb vs. Robinson.
84—Robinson vs. Robinson.	99—Marshall et al. vs. Macgregor.
86—Davidson as Ex'r, &c., vs. Morsey et al.	100—Gardner et al. vs. Cummings et al.
87—Young vs. Fettretch et al.	101—Duryea et al. vs. Bedlow.
88—Corn Ex. Bk. vs. Chatham Nat. Bk. et al.	102—Patterson vs. Van Beuren.
89—Larkin vs. Wykoff et al.	103—Merritt vs. Goodersen et al.
90—The Florida R. R. Co. vs. N. Y. Warehouse Co.	104—Duvall, Ex'r., &c., vs. Dunscomb et al.
91—Manning vs. Lawton et al.	105—Orr vs. Klasick et al.
92—Fuller et al. vs. Orlando Fuller et al.	106—Williams vs. Anthony.
93—Long vs. Knapp et al.	.07—Pool vs. Lochlin et al.
94—Morss vs. Partridge et al.	108—Lloyd et al. vs. Sperling.
95—Ramsey vs. Jay Gould et al.	109—Harring vs. Stevenson et al.
96—May vs. May.	110—Kuhn vs. Brown et al.
97—Jones vs. Crennan.	111—Spring vs. Hubbard.
	112—Olmstead vs. Greenly et al.
	113—Litchfield vs. Merriam et al.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Cardozo, J.—Court opens at 9½ A. M.—Calendar called at 12 M.

Nos.	Nos.
29—Dumcomb vs. Green et al.	70—Capestake et al. vs. Scharman.
68—Kerr et al. vs. Scharman.	89—In re Lamberson.
89—Le Greves et al. vs. Scharman.	91—Van Wyck vs. Lawrence.
Call No. 104—Bloomer vs. Newton.	98—In re Archer, Rec'r, &c.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Monell, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
665—Taylor vs. Perrin.	1125—Nassau Cordage Co. vs. McEntee.
1203—Quinn vs. Donelly.	895—Julian vs. O'Brien.
965—Miller vs. Van Tuyl.	959—Goodenough vs. Lanahan.
749—Johnson vs. Oppenheimer.	939—Harker vs. Parks.
539—Estes vs. Wellman.	1067—Delong vs. O'Brien.
1241—Alger vs. Pickert.	1—Upton vs. Lynch.
979—Brown vs. Liverpool and Great Western Steam-ship Co.	345—Burbacher vs. Met. Fire Department.

Part II.—Held by Spencer, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

No. 1,148—Blackburn vs. Horton.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Daly. C. J., Robinson and Loew, JJ.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
70—Steiber vs. Daly.	72—Ahern vs. Nat. S. S. Co.
71—Ahern vs. Bentley.	

COMMON PLEAS—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by J. F. Daly, J.—Court opens at 11 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
1047—Ottman vs. Smith.	192—Pike vs. Gerushym.
345—Wise vs. Broadway and Seventh-av. R. R. Co.	514—Horn vs. Cannon, Jr.
393—Blumenthal vs. Collins.	520—Clark vs. Stanford.
1027—Allbach vs. Grand and Forty-second sts. R. R. Co.	408—Joslyn vs. Fisk, Jr.
727—Schwidter vs. Greenfield.	467½—Meilhinck vs. Godfrey.
946—Hoolgaberger vs. Second-av. R. R. Co.	772—Eckerson vs. Washington.
876—Owen vs. Lawrence.	751—Parker vs. Washington Ice Co.
1028—King vs. Wolf.	1186—Alford vs. Merwin.
1826—Moore vs. Rand.	151—McEnvoy vs. Murphy.
62—McCauley vs. Gans.	1801—Ciccarini vs. Ward.
	1103—Barns vs. Liverpool and Great Western S. S. Co.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

Held by Bedford, J.

Nos.	Nos.
1—The People vs. Michael Trainor, Thomas Doyle, Peter Smith and Michael McGrath; burglary.	7—The People vs. James Murphy; grand larceny.
2—The People vs. Lawrence Casey, John Casey and Timothy Kelly; burglary.	8—The People vs. Magdalena Seligman; grand larceny.
3—The People vs. Henry Schmidt; grand larceny.	9—The People vs. James McAlister; grand larceny.
4—The People vs. Daniel McDonald; grand larceny.	10—The People vs. Daniel Meehan; grand larceny.
5—The People vs. Mary Ross and Mary McDermott; grand larceny.	11—The People vs. James Burgess and Henry Johnson; larceny from the person.
6—The People vs. Michael McGinn; grand larceny.	12—The People vs. Thomas Smith; larceny from the person.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part I.—Held by Alker, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
7322—Rosendale vs. Pulje.	7423—Behrens vs. Dowling.
8184—Allen vs. Hail.	7424—Forgil vs. Reebe.
6240—Ribow vs. Meyer.	7426—Faubold vs. McDonald.
7038—Gillespie vs. Buckley	7427—Miller vs. Andrews.
7050—Wolff vs. Gooskind.	7428—McNiece vs. McCready.
7052—Miller vs. McDermott	7432—Herzig vs. Kolben.
7054—Fleck vs. Hamburg-American Packet Co.	——A. & O. Mfg. Co. vs. Thomas.
7422—Paris vs. McMartree.	

Part II.—Held by Shea, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
7347—Pickert vs. Sheldon.	7434—Egsert vs. Holm.
7289—McChedsey vs. Aaron.	7403—Schleter vs. Jacobs.
7194—Murphy vs. Rafferty.	7467—Claflin vs. Dunsmore.
7366—Piatt vs. Ferrell.	7460½—White vs. Anderson.
7047—Voss vs. Stubben.	7127—Stenhardt vs Fibel.
7040—Johnson vs. Metzer.	131—Potter vs. Meyers.
7431—Gasser vs. Meier.	8834—Johnston vs. Buruen.
7432—Gasser vs. Jacy	

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Part III.—Held by Joachimsen, J.—Calendar called at 10 A. M.

Nos.	Nos.
8223—Merrill vs. Greives.	8260—Darling vs. Held.
7128—Carter vs. Gilman.	8261—Taylor vs. McCunn.
7258—Healy vs. McGrath.	8262—Woods vs. McCunn.
7794—Green vs. Hall.	8263—Patterson vs. Gunne.
7975—Schreiber vs. Messer.	8264—Cubberly vs. Thomas
8137—Ferguson vs. Bartels.	8265—Hans vs. Batzle.

DECISIONS.

COURT OF APPEALS—DEC. 5.

Judgments affirmed with costs—Mardin *vs.* Smith; Starin *vs.* The Syracuse, Binghamton and New-York Railroad Company; Emerson *vs.* Spicer; Horn *vs.* Ketilles.

Judgment reversed and new trial granted, costs to abide the event—Lamb *vs.* The Camden and Amboy Railroad Company.

Order granting new trial reversed and judgment on report of referee affirmed with costs—Redmond *vs.* The Liverpool, New-York and Philadelphia Steam-ship Company.

Order granting new trial affirmed and judgment absolute for plaintiff, with costs—Austin *vs.* Dye.

Judgment of Supreme Court and City Court of Brooklyn reversed, and judgment for defendant, with leave to plaintiff to withdraw demurrer on payment of costs in this Court and the Court below subsequent to the demurrer—Skenck *vs.* Andrews.

Order granting new trial affirmed and judgment absolute for the defendant, with costs—The Dodge & Stevenson's Manufacturing Company *vs.* Curtis.

Judgment and order appealed from affirmed, with costs—Tracy *vs.* Altamayer.

Remitter amended by making the judgment without costs to either party—The People, &c., *vs.* Hulbert, County Judge, &c.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—DEC. 5.

By Judge Brady.

Teller *vs.* Routh; granted conditionally.

In the matter of P. H. Walker & Co. *vs.* Dubois Smith; confirmed except as to interest of $750.

Terry *vs.* Hultz; motion denied.

Donohue *vs.* Donohue; motion granted.

Bean *vs.* Benedict; motion denied.

Allen *vs.* Porter; motion granted on payment of $10 costs.

Winchell *vs.* Winchell; motion granted.

In the matter of the application of Francis M. Scott; order settled.

By Judge Cardozo.

Fowler *vs.* Woods; motion denied.

Board of Foreign Missions *vs.* American and Foreign Christian Union; motion granted.

Seidner *vs.* Kenne; motion denied.

In the matter of the application of George L. Dulany for attachment; motion denied without costs.

Rankle *vs.* Wiggins; motion granted.

Arnold *vs.* Schneider; judgment granted.

In the matter of William A. Griffin; decree granted.

Gillis *vs.* Tate; motion granted.

Benedict *vs.* Smith; motion granted.

Cownig *vs.* Wallace; motion granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM—DEC. 5.

By Judge Larremore.

Bowen *vs.* Williams; motion denied.

Manhattan Savings Institution *vs.* Knox; motion granted.

Payson *vs.* Ogden; petition granted.

Chandler *vs.* Harker; motion denied.

The Commissioners of Excise *vs.* Schwartz, lien; judgment vacated and set aside.

Cutter et al. *vs.* Catily; order to amend summons and complaint.

By Judge Robinson.

Devlin *vs.* King; judgment for plaintiff for $25,293 27; findings with clerk.

THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

Something About an Almost Unknown Land—The Navigator Islands.

From the San Francisco Alta California.

Away, far away in the midst of the South Pacific, in latitude 15° south and 171° east longitude, and right in the track of the United States, New-Zealand and Australian mail steamers, lies the beautiful Island of Tutuila, rising in its solitude to an elevation of 3,400 feet above the level of the sea, and clothed with evergreen tropical verdure. To the mariner's eye is presented one of those Eden-like scenes rarely to be found on our globe. Resting upon the tops of the mountains are seen the clouds peculiar to these regions. The almost perpendicular ridges from the mountain-top to the sea, intersected with beautiful valleys covered with foliage of all kinds, with the rain pouring down in torrents in one; in the next, the sun shining brightly; in a third, the fog hurrying from the mountain-top to the beach; a fourth is scarcely visible, with the many-tinted rainbow forming an arch across the whole; the ocean expending its force upon the white coral reef; the longline of cocoa-nut trees along the beach, with the native villages here and there. Away to windward are three whale-boats, and on the other side of our ship, looking right into the harbor of Pango Pango, and coming out to meet the *Nevada*, is a war canoe propelled by fifty painted warriors, which appear at a distance like lightning specks. The naked savage on the bow is dancing his war-dance, and as his club moves from side to side, the fifty paddles strike the water. This isolated scene, far away from civilization and all our old associations, forms a picture never to be effaced from one's mind, and which HOGARTH would have traveled twice round the world to sketch. Here man is beheld in his natural state, without dress, without art, and yet even the inherent modesty of mankind is to be found among these people; around their loins is a covering made from the bark of a cactus tree, hanging down in shreds about twelve inches long. They are a fine athletic people, averaging from five feet nine inches high to six feet, well formed and strong. The women, particularly young, handsome, medium height, and in their wild simplicity adorned with flowers and wreaths.

The islands of the Samoa group have seldom been visited by Europeans, and in consequence, the natives are unused to our habits and customs. Upolo, forty miles to the west of Tutuila, stands first among the group in point of fertility, having an area of 1,025 square miles, which may be divided into three districts—the West, Middle and Eastern—rising to about 1,800 feet above the level of the sea. The western slope, from the mountain to the sea, is all suitable for cultivation, and three-fourths of the middle, and two-thirds of the eastern are all susceptible of cultivation; the soil is of the richest kind, composed of decomposed vegetable matter, &c. Rains are frequent throughout the year, and small streams every mile or so flow from the mountains to the sea, affording a plentiful supply of water at all times. Upolo is certainly the most fertile island in the Pacific, more so than the Island of Ceylon. In every district are to be found figs, dates, indigo, tamarinds, cinnamon, nutmegs, ginger, taro, bread fruit, cocoa-nuts, yams, bananas, sweet potatoes, mangoes, melons, limes, pumpkins, pine-apples, oranges, custard-apples, citrons, guavas, pomegranates, mulberries, maize, cotton, sugar, rice, coffee, &c.

On this island is situated Port Apia, inhabited by perhaps one hundred and sixty Europeans, who have chiefly found their way there in whale-ships; a population not likely to develop the vast resources of the country, and from which little progress might be expected, were it not that the United States, New-Zealand and Australian mail line will, in all probability, call at the port of Pango Pango. The native population, numbering about 26,000, are exceedingly friendly disposed toward white men, and have on several occasions sought the protection of Great Britain or the United States. The Island of Upolo is governed by three Chiefs, who are always disputing and fomenting war among themselves. The only law that exists for Europeans is a sort of Consular Court, which is not looked upon with favor.

The island to the westward of Upolo is not quite so fertile, but covers a much larger area, and it is estimated that there are about six hundred square miles of it suitable for coffee, sugar and cotton. At no distant date, these islands will become the garden of the Pacific. As a central Polynesian depot, the harbor of Pango Pango is not to be surpassed. Situated almost at equal distance between the Society Isles and New-Caledonia, 1,800 miles from each, and a little over 3,000 miles from San Francisco, in close proxmity with the Fiji and Friendly Islands, the Navigators will certainly become great in the future development of Polynesia. The French have already taken steps to form a connection with the steam-ship line now running to Australia. By this arrangement all the French settlements will be brought into immediate communication with each other, and reduce the time from New-Caledonia to France to thirty-six days, and the benefit that will accrue to our continental railroad, from the increased travel and transportation of cotton, &c., will be very large indeed.

Burning of a Coal Mine Breaker—Fortunate Escape of the Miners.

The Pottsville (Penn.) *Miners' Journal* gives the following particulars of the destruction of the Kalmie Colliery breaker of Messrs. SHEAFER & PHILLIPS, located in Williams' Valley, near Tower City, Penn., on Friday morning: "The man whose business it was to take the wagons into the tunnel did not arrive in time, so the watchman went in with them, and was absent about twenty minutes, when he started out again to blow the 6 o'clock whistle. As he neared the mouth of the tunnel smoke came in upon him, and he was forced to retrace his steps. Going back in great haste he climbed up through the air hole, and discovered the breaker in flames. He then alarmed the men who were working in one of the gangways, and they made a hasty exit. There were five men working in another gangway, and an attempt made to alarm them, but without success. They, however, soon observed the smoke pouring in upon them, and attempted to escape, but were driven back by the density of the smoke, and compelled to remain in the gangway, which they did until the fire subsided. They report having suffered severely from the smoke, but are very thankful that they were so fortunate as to escape with their lives. The breaker was

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Gov. Hoffman on the Political Situation.

A correspondent of the *Evening Post* has been sounding Gov. HOFFMAN on the political situation, and gives the result in last evening's *Post*, from which we extract the following:

"Since July 12 the Governor's position is entirely changed. Then a prominent aspirant for the Presidency, with the whole party organization supporting him, his prospects were good. As the leader of the party in its strongest State and the representative of 'the new departure' in the East, he was strong throughout the Union. But the July riot broke his relations with Tammany, and destroyed him as its candidate. Then came the melting away of Tammany itself, and of the whole party; and today the Governor is thoroughly convinced that there are no conceivable future events that could enable the present Democratic organization to make him, or indeed any other member of it, President. In renouncing the prospect of being a candidate, Gov. HOFFMAN also renounces his long-cherished adherence to the Democratic Party. He is unreserved in his conviction that the party must be dissolved. For a long time he looked for its simple reorganization upon the basis of the existing State and national organizations, but the utter overthrow of it in New-York and its popular defeat in other States, too late to rally for next year's election, satisfy him that the final judgment of the people has been pronounced upon the party, under its present leaders, without regard to 'new departures' or 'ancient usages,' 'passive policies' or 'reconstructed platforms.' He is for a new party, out and out, and is ready to act with HORACE GREELEY, CARL SCHURZ and CHARLES SUMNER in forming one on the basis of national reform, a strict construction, and the supremacy of the civil over the military power."

It has been pretty generally understood that the intimate relations previously existing between Gov. HOFFMAN and the Tammany Ring ceased with the events of the 12th of July last. Whether the Governor's bold and patriotic course on that occasion was inspired by any higher motive than a desire to rescue the Democratic Party of the State from the inevitable destruction to which the blundering stupidity of the *World*, and the recklessness of the popinjay OAKEY HALL, would have consigned it, may be a matter of doubt; but whatever the motive, the stand taken by the Governor was such as no man, either of sagacity or patriotism, could have failed to take under the circumstances; and it was bound, as he must have foreseen, to create a perpetual breach between him and his previous associates and political backers. Those who know the Governor most intimately state that the breach thus effected was by no means unwelcome to him; that he had, in fact, long been anxious to sever his connection with the vulgar political tricksters and thieves who were compromising his own reputation, and scandalizing the party to which he belonged.

Gov. HOFFMAN had the misfortune to enter political life under the auspices of the vilest set of scoundrels that ever made politics a trade. He became a sort of protégé of the Ring, and was used as a reputable figure-head for the rotten Tammany craft. Aside from his being a Democrat, and ambitious for office, he had nothing in common with the low-lived crew who were his political backers. He was a man of education and culture, of pure private character, and good social standing. If left to follow his own inclinations, he was also strictly honest. No abler, more conscientious, or more impartial Judge ever sat on the Bench in this City than Gov. HOFFMAN was during the three terms that he held the office of Recorder. His firm vindication of the law against mob rule, as shown in his fearless treatment of the rioters of 1863, when OAKEY HALL, with his characteristic demagogism, skulked his duty as public prosecutor, will never be forgotten by the people of this City. It won him a re-election to the Recordership by the acclamation of all parties, and thereby indicated him as the Democrat, above all others, whom the Tammany thieves should secure as their respectable figure-head. After serving them in that capacity for seven years, it is a little curious that another riot should have furnished the opportunity for Gov. HOFFMAN to break off the (to him) disagreeable alliance.

But, having done this, the Governor finds himself almost without a political following, and is ready to exclaim with DANIEL WEBSTER on a similar occasion, "Where am I to go?" The Seymour, Tilden and Church branch of the Democracy has long been at swords' points with Gov. HOFFMAN, and now that he has cast off Tammany, he stands, as it were, alone. No wonder he is "unreserved in his opinion that the party must be dissolved." Neither a "new departure" nor a "passive policy" nor an "active policy" can save it, now that it no longer furnishes a place for JOHN T. HOFFMAN. The Governor must have become pretty thoroughly weaned from Democracy, when he is ready, as the *Post* correspondent says, to "act with HORACE GREELEY, CARL SCHURZ, and CHARLES SUMNER." What strength the accession of Gov. HOFFMAN will add to the great Anti-Grant combination remains to be seen. The difficulty with the combination, thus far, has been that it has failed to show the country any reason, except that of personal antipathy, why it should exist at all. It is a combination founded, not on principles, but on prejudices. The only substantial ground of objection to Gen. GRANT'S administration in the country today, comes from a source that is inflexibly hostile to the entire creed and history of the Republican Party, and would be no better satisfied with any man who truly represented Republican principles than it is with Gen. GRANT. It is represented by the rebel element of the South. Since the Democracy has taken its "new departure," there is really no difference worth speaking of among the people of the Northern States, growing out of political principles or measures. The motto of the opposition should be "men not measures." In such a contest, an old Democrat like HOFFMAN may, from some unaccountable reason, have a preference for GREELEY or SUMNER over GRANT, but we doubt whether even GREELEY and SUMNER would not prefer GRANT to HOFFMAN.

Postal Telegraphy.

The project for embarking the Government in the telegraphing business made its reappearance in the House of Representatives yesterday, with a promptness that shows its friends mean to follow up sharply the official support they have received. It did not meet, however, with a very flattering reception. Although the House rejected the proposition of the Chairman of the Postal Committee, to put it into his pigeon-holes and smother it there, it was still refused a special committee, and finally brought up in the Committee on Appropriations.

The question thus sprung again on Congress is certainly an important one, and the favor shown it by the Postmaster-General and the President entitles it to a rehearing. Nor can it be said that there is no new light on the subject. Since the adjournment of Congress, reports have been made public of the working of the telegraph lines in England by the Government. It is on these that Mr. CRESWELL lays stress in his recommendations. The results in Great Britain are brilliant. All that could be asked has been obtained. The average cost of transmitting messages has been reduced from thirty-eight cents to twenty-six cents—nearly one-third—the Government has netted over $8,000,000 from the lines, and their use has steadily and rapidly grown, while the convenience and business advantage of the community have been perceptibly advanced.

Does it follow that like results would follow in this country? By no means. It is evident that there are several obstacles to the management of so huge an enterprise by our Postal Department peculiar to this country. The first, and most obvious is, that our postal system is, in point of efficiency, one of the most conspicuous fruits of our clumsy and antiquated methods of civil service appointment. It is, in many of its operations, an amplification of the village Post-office, and there cling to it yet not only the habits of slow and awkward work, but the political features due to its petty origin. It has not grown with the growth of the country. It often fails, in many parts of the country, to manage its own business with the average accuracy and dispatch of a horse railroad, though its resources, in point of authority and of means, are of course beyond all private competition. It is even now engaged in a struggle with the franking system, one of the most ridiculously potent evils ever fastened on an administrative system. It has failed to throw it off because of the strength in the Department of precisely those political complications which would threaten the telegraphing system with not only embarrassment but corruption. While every Post-office in the country is notoriously the focus of a great part of the most unseemly and pernicious scheming for the perversion of the public service to private ends, it is hardly time to talk of extending enormously the powers and patronage of the Department.

Besides this main and at present insuperable obstacle to the success of the system in this country, there are others, less obvious perhaps, but important. Among these are the reluctance with which the American people generally contemplate the extension of Government interference in business matters, the temptation which would be presented to politicians to use the telegraphic system for political purposes, the inexpediency at this time of providing for any further appropriations for the benefit of corporations, and the extreme probability of the scheme proving costly to the tax-payers, and of no advantage to the patrons of the lines.

City Reconstruction.

The internal administration of the City goes on with such apparent smoothness, that people are liable to forget the magnitude of the task involved in the conduct of the financial affairs of New-York, in presence of a depleted treasury and obstructive heads of Departments. Controller GREEN undertook the direction of our local finances at a time when extravagance and stealing had almost done their worst. Pay-rolls were in arrears for periods varying from two weeks to three months; the legal limit of many leading appropriations had been reached, and would have been recklessly exceeded by the ordinary device of adding to the City debt, had not an honest and resolute man been appointed in time to arrest the progress of waste and corruption. No tradesman could present an honest bill against the City with any prospect of getting it paid. It was absolutely indispensable that an assignment should be made of the claim so that it might be doubled or tripled for the benefit of the defunct Ring or some of its parasites. The City was drifting into bankruptcy as fast as a circle of rapacious thieves could drive it.

In the face of every kind of opposition and discouragement, it has been the task of Mr. GREEN to arrest this rapid descent of City credit. He has been hampered by the corrupt legislation of the scoundrels who robbed the Treasury, and he has been opposed at every step by the men who still cling tenaciously to power. The Mayor's unconquerable "aversion to details" is only equaled by his dislike to anything like economy. He cost the City some thirty thousand dollars the other day by advocating exorbitant fees to the City valuation, in the face of a decided report from the Controller that the money was simply thrown away. The late Department of Parks did all it could to bully and badger the Controller, and to make his honesty an excuse for riot and pillage. The existing Department of Public Works sends crowds of its sinecurists to the Bureau of Finance every day, with a view to revive the exploded wrongs of the "poor laborers." Yet Mr. GREEN has quietly and unobtrusively done his work in a way which has averted riot, sustained the City credit, and prepared the way for an administration which will save the City, next year, hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The bloated pay-rolls of Court-house attendants, who only attend on pay-day, have been steadily and firmly retrenched. Scores of men who were supported at the public expense for helping to cheat them are now, for the first time in many years, compelled to seek an honest livelihood. The notorious corruptions of our public markets have been stayed, and many superfluous "clerks" and "inspectors" have been finally dispensed with. Holders of market-stalls feel that the era of black-mailing and favoritism is at an end, and the public will be immediate gainers by the change. In fact, wherever the jurisdiction of the Controller has extended, it has been exercised on the side of retrenchment and reform. What Mr. GREEN has done is the best proof of what remains to be done in Departments which do not come under his control. TWEED'S Department is well known to be a perfect nest of corruption. The swindling contracts which have been made under his auspices, will, when fully disclosed, deepen and widen the iniquity of the master thief. TWEED is still making contracts upon which he doubtless receives a liberal percentage, and for which the City will be made to smart. It is monstrous that this rascal should still be allowed to cling to office. Under HALL'S auspices, the City Treasury is yearly depleted to a large amount by the exorbitant cost of the Bureau of Elections, and the needless array of clerks and attendants to the Board of Supervisors. The public must not lose sight of the details of the City and County pay-rolls, if they wish to see that the work of reform is carried to a satisfactory issue.

On one point Controller GREEN ought to be able to satisfy the tax-payer at an early day, and that is in regard to the amount of outstanding claims against the City. A large proportion of these are entirely illegal, but their nominal total cannot be too early ascertained. The Legislature will be called upon to take immediate steps to relieve the rapidly increasing pressure upon the scanty resources of the City. The proceeds of taxation are being employed to meet the revenue bonds falling due in quick succession, and have been used to reduce the arrears of pay due to City laborers to a merely nominal amount. But the current obligations of the City continue to increase every day, and a public issue of bonds will be one of the first necessities of the coming year. They will, of course, be exposed to open bids, like other State and national securities, and will be made the subject of no mere hole-and-corner transactions, to the profit of AUGUST BELMONT, NATHANIEL SANDS, and others. The increased value of our City bonds, under such treatment, will be one of the best proofs of what we have gained from the honest and fearless course of Controller GREEN.

The Department of Docks.

Of all the commissions appointed by the Tammany Ring, under that singular instrument, our City Charter, that of the Department of Docks has most frequently been held up to view as entirely beyond reproach. To this model Commission the Tammany leaders pointed with great profession of pride. Here was unimpeachable evidence of the honesty of their intention to give us an efficient and economical Municipal Government. Surely into a Commission so composed no improper practices could enter, and citizens so conspicuous for integrity as those comprising it would never suffer themselves to be used for any merely political purpose.

Undoubtedly there was introduced into the Dock Commission a sufficient quantity of "unimpeachable integrity and high-toned mercantile honor" to lead the public to believe that this eminent respectability could render powerless the influence of the Ring element, which, of course, also entered into the composition of the Commission. Let us see how this is.

The Dock Commission was originally composed of the five following citizens: JOHN T. AGNEW, tobacconist; WILSON G. HUNT, ex-dry goods merchant; WILLIAM WOOD, broker, and ex-citizens' Committeeman, one of SANDS' converts to Tammany, also School Commissioner with a large patronage, also Commissioner in the Broadway opening, "with opportunities and advantages too numerous and too peculiar to mention;" R. M. HENRY, lawyer; HUGH SMITH, Tammany Ring. These five Commissioners began their work on April, 1870. The Commission has therefore been in existence within four months of two years. During this time what has it done? Outside of the extensive surveys and plans made by the capable and distinguished engineer of the Commission, really nothing. Gen. MCCLELLAN, we contend, with his admitted administrative ability, not only could have done all this alone, have done it better, and far less expensively, but could and would have done vastly more besides, if he had been left untrammeled by the unwieldy Board at his back.

The charter says that the five Commissioners shall "receive such compensation as shall be established by the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund." These latter, accordingly, "established" a salary of $10,000 per annum for each Commissioner. So the total party cost of the ornamental part of our Dock Board is the pretty sum of $50,000, to which, of course, must be added the plate-glass and Ingersoll furniture of the commodious offices in which the Commissioners hold sage counsel.

Those Roscoes of the Metropolis, J. T. AGNEW and WILSON G. HUNT, accepted the office, its pay, and responsibilities. But how did they earn the one and discharge the other? In the meeting of the Commissioners for the election of officers held May 2, 1870, they first proceeded to reward Tammany for their appointment by obeying its wishes, and sanctioning the election of HUGH SMITH, SWEENY'S bosom friend and one of the corruptest tools of the Ring, to practically the most important office in the Board—namely that of Treasurer. Nor was this all. When a few months later a "press of private business"—*i. e.*, other Tammany work—caused HUGH SMITH to resign from the Commission, his brother, HENRY A. SMITH, another SMITH of the same kidney, was put into his place by Tammany and promptly in obedience to Ring whispers elected Treasurer by this "eminently respectable" Board. From then up to the last election, since which time visitors have been unable to find him at the rooms of the Commission, this SMITH faithfully performed the duties of a lieutenant of TWEED, HALL, SWEENY & Co.; kept them informed as to what was going on in the Board; managed things so that the pay-list showed a good number of voters on election day, and did generally whatever his masters required of him. Is it possible that the "eminent" citizens on the Commission did not see through this? Perhaps they didn't, but the people of this City do see through it all very clearly, and discover that this much-vaunted Commission is not quite so clear from reproach as they are asked to believe.

Of the management of the Commission in general, there is very much to say. It has been inefficient, retarding rather than helping the improvement laid out for it in the charter which created it, and thus totally disappointing the expectations of the public.

"Tolerable English."

The *World* complains that President GRANT does not "write tolerable English." It is a very good thing that the President does *not* write the sort of English which the *World* considers tolerable. The Johnsonian style, as imitated by inferior intellects, may be rather amusing to the *World* readers—but a business-like and sensible nation does not care to be addressed in the language of a pedagogue lecturing a school. What the *World* means by "tolerable English" is illustrated in the following passage from its article:

"Our enlightened President thinks it is quite a new thing in human affairs for nations to settle a dispute by friendly arbitration. To be sure, better informed men have led him into this ridiculous mistake; but since so swelling a vaunt has found its way into a grave official document, we will prick the bubble and let it collapse. At first, it was a courteous or a self-glorifying fiction; but in the use now made of it by President GRANT it is arrant electioneering humbug. What Gen. GRANT asks the country to admire as an auspicious novelty, is in fact a very old practice and one of the commonest resorts of disputing nations who do not wish to go to war."

Here are figures of speech enough to satisfy every taste. The President, says the *World*—untruly, but never mind that—thinks it a new thing to propose friendly arbitration. This idea it first calls a "ridiculous mistake," then a "swelling vaunt"—whatever that may be—then a "bubble," then a "self-glorifying fiction," then "arrant electioneering humbug," then an "auspicious novelty," then a "very old practice," and, finally, "one of the commonest resorts of disputing nations"—and all this wealth of imagery in the short space of a dozen lines. Now, if the President had written his Message in this style, it might have sounded much prettier to the ears of a writer for the *World*, but what would sensible persons have thought of it? Instead of occupying five columns, five volumes would not have sufficed to contain the document. Then the *World* gives us other examples of what it means by "tolerable" English. It begins its criticisms of the Message thus:

"We will waste no thrusts upon the fingers or other extremities of this electioneering document, but strike straight at its jugular vein and its vital organs."

How would the public like to see a President's Message written in that charming strain? Again, the *World* says: "The bumptious talk about its inaugurating a new era of universal peace is utter bosh and buncombe, which will be laughed at and derided when we get the actual award." The *World* folks ought not to complain if other people cannot write like that. It requires a special gift, and while pedants may reasonably rejoice that they possess it, they ought to listen with patience to people who are obliged to express their meaning in simple prose.

A Clergyman's Hoard.

A London clergyman wrote a letter to a newspaper, the other day, asking for help from the public to enable him to get to Yorkshire to fill a curacy to which he had been appointed. The poor gentleman stated that he had less than six cents in money, and nothing with which he could get more. A Methodist clergyman lately died in Charlestown, Ind., of whose worldly affairs we have a very different story. His name was HAMMOND, and he had been for years a noted local preacher. It is said that his salary had always ranged from two to six hundred dollars a year. Hence, it would not have been surprising to hear that his estate at death had not exceeded that of the first-named divine across the sea. But Mr. HAMMOND'S property turns out, according to one authority, to be worth no less than $350,000; and, what is still more strange is that the extent of his wealth seems never to have been even suspected by those among whom he passed his long life. Of course, there are many rich Episcopal clergymen, and many poor Methodist ones; but such exceptional cases are sometimes worth noting, and that of Mr. HAMMOND is so curious as to be attracting in the West just now a great deal of attention.

Mr. HAMMOND was about eighty years of age at the time of his death. His family knew he had a small bank account, but they did not imagine that he possessed a large amount of money. They knew he had some real estate which of late years had risen in value, but they had no idea of its extent. When the administrator of the estate came to settle its affairs he had to make an inventory of the dead minister's effects. This was done last week. While looking carefully through the house, the administrator came upon a large and very old trunk. This was hidden under the floor of a closet which opened only into the room occupied by the deceased during his life. The trunk was drawn forth, and found to be literally covered with dust and cobwebs. But what attracted most remark was its great weight, three men being required to handle it. No key could be found that would answer, and the lock was therefore forced. To the amazement of those present it was then discovered that the box was filled with gold and silver, and Government bonds. A grandson of the deceased says that there were twenty-five thousand dollars in specie, and ten thousand in securities. The wife of Mr. HAMMOND, who survives him, knew the trunk was in the closet, but never knew what it contained. She now, however, thinks from circumstances that recur to her mind, that her husband must have collected and hidden this treasure at the time of Gen. JOHN MORGAN'S raid through Indiana. The old gentleman probably buried the trunk, thinking that its contents would be safer under the ground than in any bank vault.

Mr. HAMMOND'S wealth must have been acquired, it is clear, by long and patient waiting and persistent accumulation. After the discovery of the trunk, deeds were likewise found showing his extensive ownership of lands bought by him many years ago for extremely small sums, but now very valuable. Some accounts say that he was miserly, but that which is most minute and looks most trustworthy, affirms that this was not the case, but that Mr. HAMMOND gave liberally to all deserving objects. He lived economically, and his case was probably one of the many in the world wherein people resolve to gather wealth, at first with some specific object, but to whom, through habit, the means become more important than the end.

Suppressed Parisian Journals.

The French Government continues its strange policy of doing things that bring odium upon the Republic. Perhaps the execution of ROSSEL may be justified as a military necessity, but even so it was a political blunder. The suppression of the Bonapartist journals, the *Pays* and *L'Avenir*, looks like fatuity. When journals so exactly opposed, and, we may add, so savagely opposed, as the *Temps*, *Univers*, *Rappel* and *Journal de Paris*, all agree on the foolishness of the action of the Government, the inference is obvious, even although it is the Government organs that most regret it. So far as the *Pays* is concerned there was even a mistake in the charge against it. In other words, it was accused of originating matter that it simply copied. M. PAUL DE CASSAGNAC may or may not be good authority in other things; but his assertion and his protest in this case are worthy of respect.

To show terror in this manner is clearly to invite attack. Surely if the Republic is so strong in the hearts of Frenchmen as the Thiers Government profess, and would have the world believe, there is no need to fortify it by military executions, or by tyrannical attacks on the liberty of the Press. These are the weapons of despotism, not of freedom, and their use excites the distrust of true lovers of republican institutions, and the satisfaction of all who are opposed to them. The French Government has gone on from bad to worse until it has committed nearly every offense for which Empires and monarchies are most detested. Is this the way to render impossible an Imperial restoration, or to keep alive disgust for the errors and excesses of the Commune?

MINOR TOPICS.

Mr. EDMUNDS did a sensible thing on the opening day of the session, in introducing to the Senate the bill for civil service reform, originally presented by Mr. JENCKES, of Rhode Island. This bill, although it twice failed in the House, was each time reported by a special committee, after careful investigation, which disclosed the most glaring and shameful evils in our civil service. In now again bringing it before Congress, Mr. EDMUNDS stated distinctly that it was done with the expectation that the President would, for his own term, inaugurate a thorough system of reform; but that he considered it necessary to place it out of power of any succeeding Administration to overthrow it. The bill of Mr. EDMUNDS provides for a Civil Service Commission, with the Vice-President at its head, whose duty it is to provide for competitive examinations, by which all admissions to, and promotions in, the civil service shall be determined.

The managers of the Fourth and Madison-avenue street cars deserve great credit for the improvements they have made on their line, in response to the appeals which were made to them through these columns. One evidence of the public satisfaction is to be found in the fact that of late we have not received a single letter of complaint. The cars now keep very good time, and if they were not so densely overcrowded between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock, there would be nothing left to desire. This line has always been a favorite one with the public, and now that it studies the public convenience, it is likely to be more remunerative than ever. Nothing is lost by considering the wishes of the community.

Whatever hope the Democracy may have entertained of aid from Senator TRUMBULL, in gathering their scattered forces, is dashed by a letter to the *Courier-Journal*, of Louisville, which announces that he will not be "a Conservative candidate for the Presidency against GRANT." This statement was made in an interview with a Southern Senator, in which Mr. TRUMBULL is also reported to have said that there is no real division among the Republicans, and that the Democracy is not ready to commit hari-kari.

Mr. CONKLING pointed out very clearly in the Senate, on the presentation of BLAIR'S buncome resolution as to the Kuklux proceedings, that it contained so much assertion and implied assertion as to utterly deprive it of the character of an ordinary call for information. It is discouraging to find the Democracy, even after the hard lessons of the last year, unable to rise above tricks of the campaign speech or the Convention platform.

The magnitude of the Indian question will be better understood by a slight consideration of the figures furnished in the report of the Secretary of the Interior, than by pages of vague declamation. We find that over ninety-six millions of acres of the soil of the United States are occupied as reservations by 172,000 Indians. In other words, a population exceeded in number by that of the Seventeenth and Nineteenth Wards of New-York, occupy an area of land rather larger than that of the States of New-York and Pennsylvania, with the area of the six New-England States added. We do not expect that the Indians will ever be brought within a space relatively so small as that occupied by the eleven and a half millions of people occupying the eight States referred to. But it will be generally agreed that one Indian cannot be permitted forever to occupy space more than sufficient for sixty-six civilized men. An allotment of 558 acres a head is more than we can afford to grant the red man at the present rate of our increase of population. Sentimental reasons, based upon first occupancy and so forth, are well enough in their way, but are apt to lead us into very gross absurdities. The policy of bringing all our quarter of a million of Indians within the limits of a single Territory, where there is room enough for them all, will more imperatively demand enforcement every year. Those ninety-six millions of acres of reservations may not be exactly wasted at present, but with the growing wants of new settlers they will very shortly be so.

Stormy times await the reassembled constituent body of France. The ORLEANS Princes are to insist upon their right to hold the seats in the Assembly to which they were elected, and their adherents are about to introduce comprehensive measures of restitution and amnesty for the benefit of the Princes. Thereupon, the Radical Republicans will be ready to urge amnesty for the condemned thousands of the Commune, as a legitimate offset to the favors demanded for the proscribed scions of royalty. Long and angry debates are, not unreasonably, anticipated; and meanwhile the pressing necessities of the country will be left to take care of themselves. If existing French parties could but resolve upon a two years' truce, future generations would rise up and call them blessed. As it is, they seem to be resolved upon forcing their country into the old vicious circle of progress from despotism to anarchy, and from anarchy back to despotism again.

The *Tribune's* defence of HALL was reproduced with wonderful fidelity at Albany, yesterday, by the counsel for TWEED. According to Mr. REYNOLDS, the complaint against Mr. TWEED rests on the "merest suspicion" and newspaper report. Nobody saw him and his pals take the money, and the Judge ought really to consider, not only whether the bail should be reduced, but whether the arrest itself should not be vacated. All this is well enough for special pleading, even if the counsel rather overdid it. The limit of legal absurdity was certainly reached when the peculiar legal status of the County of New-York was made the occasion for gravely inquiring why the people should have any desire to recover six millions of stolen money, when the holders of the bonds issued for the amount were perfectly satisfied? As a specimen of legal ingenuity the question, "if the people get the $6,000,000 paid, what will they do with it?" is somewhat original, even if it is far-fetched.

THE REPUBLICANS.

Meeting of the Central Committee Last Evening—Primaries to be Held on the 12th inst.—All Republicans to be Enrolled.

A regular meeting of the members of the Republican Central Committee was held last evening at Apollo Hall, Mr. JOHN J. TOWNSEND in the Chair.

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, it was resolved to hold primaries in each Assembly District of the City on the 12th inst., at 7 P. M., to choose officers and delegates to the Central Committee for the ensuing year. The resolution was ordered to be printed in the Republican papers.

Mr. CROSS stated that the resolution in reference to the amendments to the Constitution was published in the TIMES, and he did not see it, as he generally took the *Tribune*.

A MEMBER—That will convince the gentleman of the necessity of reading a Republican paper in future. [Laughter.]

Fourteen Assembly District Associations reported that they had passed the amendments in reference to the exclusion of members of the Police and Fire Departments, except clerks, from membership. The amendments on cumulative voting appeared to have been all but unanimously indorsed by the several associations.

The Chairman thought that written evidence of the decisions of the districts should be had before they determined on any course of action.

Mr. SPENCER was of a different opinion. It appeared to him that no better certification of the wishes of the associations could be procured than the representations of their own delegates.

On motion of Mr. SPENCER the following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, This article of the constitution has been repealed by which cumulative voting was sanctioned, therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of this Committee add to the notice for the next primary meeting, notice to the various associations of that fact.

The discussion on the remaining portion of the amendments was laid on the table.

Mr. GARDNER read the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted by the Executive Committee:

Whereas, The State Convention, held at Syracuse on the 27th day of September last, adopted the following resolutions,

Resolved, That the action of the State Committee in reforming the organization of the party in the City of New-York is hereby approved and confirmed and the organization established by said committee is declared to be henceforth the regular and only Republican organization in said City.

Resolved, That the State Committee is directed to perfect and consolidate said organization, so that all Republican residents in the City of New-York shall be fairly represented; and

Whereas, The Republican State Committee, at its meeting of the 17th of October, 1871, after full discussion, referred the subject to its Executive Committee, with full power to act; and

Whereas, The Executive Committee, at a meeting held on the 15th November last, for the purpose of carrying out in the most liberal manner the directions of the State Convention, adopted a plan by which the members of the late Republican organization of the City of New-York could be transferred in a body to the rolls of the present organization, is reported and approved by the State Convention, without subjecting such members to the necessity of making individual application for membership; and

Whereas, The members of the late Republican organizations have, through their representative, Hon. HORACE GREELEY, declined to accept the opportunity to become members of the regular organizations in the manner proposed; and

Whereas, This Committee does not feel authorized to make any further proposition for the consideration of the members of the late Republican Associations as organized bodies,

Resolved, That the several Republican District Associations which were recognized and declared by the State Convention as henceforth the regular and only Republican organizations in the City of New-York, be earnestly recommended to adopt such measures as shall to the greatest possible extent encourage all the Republicans of the several districts to become members of their respective Associations, so that all Republican residents shall be fairly represented therein.

Mr. CROSS—I move that this Committee approve of the propositions made by the State Central Committee in the communication just read, and that we urge the different associations to act upon it, that is to go round and see as missionaries and convert the heathen Republicans who read the *Tribune*. [laughter] and bring them back into the true fold. Let them read the TIMES, the regular Republican organ, and let us cease playing battle-dore with this bogus organization which we all recognize as dead.

The resolutions were adopted and the meeting adjourned.

RETURN OF THE GRAND DUKE.

A Brief Respite for Him—A Day Quietly Spent—What He Said to One of the Reception Committee.

The Grand Duke ALEXIS and suite arrived in Jersey City, from Philadelphia, yesterday, at 3¼ P. M. He was received at the depot by Mr. BODISCO, the Russian Consul. The whole party took carriages and were conveyed to New-York by the Desbrosses-street Ferry, and to the Clarendon Hotel. The carriage of the Grand Duke was the one provided for his use by Mr. EDWARD VAN RANST, since his sojourn in the City, and with its tasteful appearance, richly-caparisoned horses and liveried coachman and footman, attracted a great deal of attention. The Prince rested after the fatigues of the Philadelphia festivities during the afternoon. Throughout the evening he was left almost exclusively to the society of his suite, but few of the Committee visiting him. Remaining today in this City, he will leave for Boston to-morrow.

A meeting of the Reception Committee was held yesterday at Major MONTGOMERY'S office to wind up the affairs of the Reception. Some of the Committee who have talked with our reporter say that they have been much gratified with the complete success of their efforts to make the reception of the Grand Duke worthy of the leading City of the Union. They have also been much pleased to know that every courtesy they have extended has been highly appreciated by the Prince and his suite. The Grand Duke said to one of the gentlemen the other day that he could enjoy himself in New-York for a much longer time, now that he had become acquainted with the gentlemen of the Committee. He would like, he said, to stay ten days longer.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., Dec. 5.—The Grand Duke delayed his departure from this city, and visited the Methodist Fair at Horticultural Hall, where an afghan was presented to him by the ladies. He made various purchases. He started for New-York by the noon train.

INCENDIARIES PUNISHED.

Trial and Conviction of Two Men for Arson at Easton, Penn.—Severe Sentences Accorded.

From Our Own Correspondent.

EASTON, Penn., Sunday, Dec. 3, 1871.

During the past Summer twelve valuable buildings were burned down in the borough of South Easton in close succession. The circumstances attending the origin of the fires gave ground for strong suspicion of incendiarism, but nothing could be definitely ascertained to fix the crime upon suspected individuals. Two or three Sunday nights ago, however, the residence of JACOB JOHNSON was discovered in flames about midnight, and a man named JAMES THOMAS was seen lurking about the vicinity. Suspicion had long rested upon THOMAS and a man named JOHN MURRAY as being connected in some way with the cause of the previous fires, and after the fire at JOHNSON'S the two were arrested, and in default of bail sent to prison to await trial. Their case has just been decided in this place by Judge LONGAKER. From the testimony presented, it appeared that THOMAS and MURRAY were members of a gang of outlaws infesting the neighborhood. THOMAS was indicted for arson in the case of JACOB JOHNSON, and convicted. To indictments charging him with burning, during last Summer, Sheriff WALTER'S extensive stables, and other buildings, he plead guilty. THOMAS and MURRAY were also indicted together for arson, they being charged with firing several stables and houses in October. To these charges they plead guilty. The gang of which these two were members was stated by THOMAS to consist of "Euchre" HORNE, JIMMY MILLER and MANUS MCGEE, the latter being the ringleader, he designating the buildings to be fired.

The Judge sentenced THOMAS on the several indictments to a term of thirty years' solitary confinement at hard labor in the State Prison, to pay $2,500 fine, and costs of prosecution. MURRAY received ten years in the State Prison, to pay a fine of $2,000, and costs of prosecution.

National Rifle Association.

A regular meeting of the Directors of the National Rifle Association was held last evening at No. 127 Mercer-street, Col. CHURCH in the chair. Gen. SHALER, A. W. CRAVEN, engineer; Gen. FUNK, Col. MASON, JOHN POWELL, Jr., Col. SHAW, J. W. HARDING, Capt. WINGATE and Major SMITH were appointed a Committee on Regulations, and A. W. DIMMOCK, Esq., Major-Gen. WOODFORD and Gen. VARIAN a Committee on Finance. Letters from the Remington Arms Company offering twenty-five highly finished rifles valued at $50 each, and from the Gatling Gun Company, offering a gun worth $2,000, for prizes and regimental competition, were announced as having been received by the Chairman. On motion of Gen. SHALER, Capt. WINGATE was requested to provide a manual on "Aiming Drill," to be recommended for adoption by the National Guard, after which the meeting adjourned.

OUR STATE INSTITUTIONS.—VIII.

The Inebriate Asylum.

BINGHAMTON, Monday, Nov. 27, 1871.

As the Utica train rushes out of the Chenango Valley down a steep decline into the beautiful Valley of the Susquehanna, the stranger's eye is invariably caught by an imposing pile of castellated building, perched, like some old Norman castle, on the crown of one of the less elevated of the chain of hills which lie directly east of the town of Binghamton, and which skirt along the Susquehanna River till they curve round into the Great Bend. It is the State Inebriate Asylum—not that the Asylum is chronically in the same condition to which the Markis O'Granby's best pine-apple rum so often reduced the Shepherd, to the great scandal of his flock, as its prefix might imply. Nor do its inmates pass their evenings after the manner of the historic Three Jolly Post Boys. On the contrary, the gentlemen who rusticate there for the benefit of themselves and families are about as sober a party as could well be found outside a Quakers' meeting. Many of them, indeed, have so long given up drinking anything stronger than water, that, like the farmer's wife, in the *Recreations of a Country Parson*, who had so long abstained from drinking milk, in order to make more cream, that she had at last grown to dislike the taste of it, they have acquired a holy horror of the smell and taste, or even the sight, of intoxicating liquor. This is as it should be. This is the purpose of the Asylum; the purpose for which the inmates either went or were sent to it.

As I have said, the Asylum stands on the crown of a hill which rises abruptly from the river. The surrounding scenery is lovely. A succession of picturesque hills, thickly wooded in many parts, slope down into the valley, their counterparts rising up on the other side of the river, as far as the eye can reach toward the east; while on the west, the view stretches over the town and along the valley to the hills around Owego, twenty-five miles away. No more suitable spot could have been chosen for the site of such an institution—an institution for the cure of a disease which quickly converts itself from a moral into a physical one. The fresh, pure, invigorating atmosphere, delightful walks and rambles in all directions, boating on the river, base-ball in Summer-time, skating in Winter, plenty of in-door amusement, and as many companions as a man need desire, must go a long way to assist nature in her efforts at recovery and to deprive the treatment of much of its natural unpleasantness. The façade and wings of the building are built of pale gray limestone, in the castellated gothic style—north and south transepts. The building when completed will accommodate 170 to 180 patients. As yet only the southern division is finished, though the northern portion only requires to be internally fitted and furnished. At present the number of patients is eighty-five; having increased from fifty-four, the number in the asylum when Dr. DODGE, the present superintendant, took charge of them, in the Spring of 1870. There are three classes of patients, those who voluntarily ask for admission, those who are forced in by friends, and those committed for a term by the law. About twenty per cent. of the whole number are free boarders, of course including the committed patients; the others pay from $5 to $20 a week, according to the circumstances of themselves or their friends.

The interior arrangements of the building are very complete, and but for the disastrous fire in March, 1870, which destroyed twenty-five bedrooms, the dining-room, billiard-rooms, bowling-alleys and gymnasium, would be perfect. These were all in a rear wing. The dining-room has been temporarily rebuilt, and the billiard-tables have been put up in the basement of the main building. Dr. DODGE also hopes to rebuild the other rooms, as he thinks the exercise, especially in Winter, invaluable to the patients. To do this would require an appropriation from the Legislature of one hundred thousand dollars, and one hundred thousand dollars more to finish the north division. There are three floors above the basement. A corridor, intersected in the middle by a fine large hall, runs from one end of the building to the other on each floor. The parlors and reception-rooms surround the hall, the club-rooms are above them, and on the top floor is a very well arranged chapel, where service is held every morning and evening by Rev. SAM'L W. BUSH, the chaplain and registrar of the institution.

In the corridors of the division already opened, there are 100 sleeping apartments, about the size of a bachelor's bed-room in an ordinary hotel. They are plainly, but neatly furnished with a commodious wardrobe, two chairs, two tables, looking-glass, hot and cold water and gas. Some of the inmates have brought in furniture of their own, and have converted their rooms into the most cozy little boudoirs, with their lounges, easy chairs, book-cases, pictures and knick-knacks. There is a rage just now among the inmates for making picture-frame and fancy brackets. Some of them exhibit considerable handiness at this work. All the picture-frames in the establishment are of domestic manufacture, (no free trade, if you please!) and many a poor fellow has added to his personal comfort by trading a frame or a bracket with a fellow patient for something he cannot afford to purchase. The manufacture of sticks is another great source of Winter occupation, prompted, evidently, by the inexhaustible natural supply in the neighborhood. There is a stock on hand in the asylum at present sufficient to fill half a dozen Broadway stores, the bulk of them as neat and nice as could be wished. On the second story, facing the club rooms, is the theatre. Here, in Winter time, the patients have a succession of dramatic performances among themselves, and some very good acting is often developed. Sometimes those who can speak or write deliver lectures or addresses, which are intently listened to by all. There are constantly many men of high intellectual attainments in the asylum—clergymen, lawyers, authors and newspaper editors. It is seldom that any one of these professions is unrepresented. The institution, too, is thoroughly national. It has patients from nearly every State of the Union; generally one or two from Canada, and, not infrequently, a patient from England. One of the most attractive features in the social working of the Asylum is the Ollapod Club, a half social, half literary organization, open to all inmates who will pay a small admission fee and the monthly dues necessary for the current expenses in purchasing daily and weekly newspapers, magazines and other periodicals. The club has the nucleus of a very nice little library, some very good engravings and other valuables. The rooms are open to members all day, and up to 10½ o'clock at night; and reading, writing, chess, cards and chequers are going on among some of them from morning till night. The election of officers is just now going on, and there is the usual turmoil caused by the appearance of an opposition ticket in order to create a little fun. One of the inmates has a small Adams' hand-press, and has liberally printed the tickets and ballots for both parties. Thus, you see, party feeling does not run very high. The club does much to promote social intercourse and good feeling among the inmates, by bringing them more immediately in contact with one another. Moreover, it is of great assistance to Dr. DODGE.

A gentleman, who has been there twenty-five weeks, told me that in all that time he had only witnessed or heard of one personal difficulty, and that that was immediately arranged. Few, moreover, are inclined to break the rules when they know that their fellow-patients will frown upon them for so doing. The rules are very simple, and only ten in number. The only ones of importance are those which forbid the use of spirituous or fermented liquors, and leaving the grounds of the Asylum (four hundred acres) without the permission of the Superintendent. There can be no hardship in complying with the rule which says that "all the patients are *expected* to be present at the daily prayers in the chapel," and at "the religious services of the Sabbath."

There is one point in connection with the institution which requires immediate attention from the Legislature. It has no water supply. This, if it were not so serious a drawback to the prosperity of the asylum, would be most ludicrous. To tell a man that he must not touch a drop of liquor, and not to provide him with plenty of cool, fresh water to slack his thirst, is a little too bad. It was thought at first that plenty of good spring water could be got from the hill sides. This is not so, and two teams are employed all day long and every day in dragging barrels of water up from the river by a circuitous path. In hot weather the water is not pleasant, as the river is very shallow.

With the exception of a few of the last-comers, there is nothing whatever in the appearance of the eighty-five gentlemen who are at present resident in the Asylum, which, at a cursory glance, would distinguish them from the boarders or transient guests of a New-York hotel. They are well and neatly dressed, quiet and gentlemanly in their deportment, and apparently sociable with one another. In fact, there is a decided resemblance to a hotel throughout. The parlors, halls, reception-rooms, billiard and smoking rooms, corridors and bed-rooms are all arranged exactly like those of a modern hotel; and when the inmates are seated at the long rows of tables in the dining-room at their *table d'hôte* dinner, and go out one by one as they please, to stroll with a cigar through the halls and corridors, the illusion is complete.

The term of residence in the asylum varies from three, six, nine, up to twelve months, according to the needs of the patient's case and the time he can afford to spend on his cure. They may, of course, leave at any time, unless they are "committed" patients. The latter always leave as soon as their term is up, and hurry away to their old haunts, to make up for their enforced abstinence by a long-extended jollification. Dr. DODGE is of opinion that much good, often a permanent cure, may be effected in three months; but, in all cases, he recommends patients to remain for six months, a term which he considers ample. In the cases of elderly men, however, where the disease is of ten, fifteen or twenty years' growth, he thinks it advisable that they should remain in the institution for nine months or a year, or even for a longer time.

Strolling through the parlors and corridors, looking into the club and billiard rooms, or visiting the patients in their own rooms, I saw recovery from the dire effects of habitual intoxication in all its stages. The different stages are as readily appreciable as the marks on the teeth of a horse, by which sporting men can tell his age to a year; they are as distinct as the twenty-eight different stages in the hatching of chickens, as demonstrated by the patent artificial incubator. Tottering along the hall I saw a wreck of humanity, with blood-shot eyes, twitching mouth, and restless, uneasy manner. He had very lately become a patient, and his chances of having delirium tremens or, if not, epileptic convulsions, were about even. He had become sufficiently sober to feel a little ashamed of himself, and cast his eyes on the ground when any one approached him. Dr. DODGE informed me that nearly every patient arrives at the Asylum in a state of what they themselves term, "chock full." Even those who are determined on a life-time reformation, cannot withstand the temptation of having one last heavy drinking bout before joining the ranks of the army of Temperance. On the staircase I encountered a patient who had been an inmate of the Asylum for ten days. He had passed safely between the Scylla and Charybdis of delirium and convulsions; but his gait was still nervous and unsteady, his knees trembled under him as he descended the stairs with the aid of the balustrade; his eyes, though no longer bloodshot, were still red and inflamed round the edges of their lids, and the blotches on his face, though paler, were still most marked. He had, however, begun to find his appetite; bromide of potassium had blessed him with several nights' good sleep, and he felt himself twenty per cent. a better man than when he "came in." Sitting before the fire in the club-room sat a rather *blasé* looking young man who had already passed one month of his probation. He seemed to take little interest in his book, and yawned two or three times while I remained in the room. There was an unmistakable air of weariness about him. He had not yet become reconciled to the quietude and monotony of his seclusion. Faint traces of his forsaken habit were still perceptible, and a general want of clearness of the eye and skin showed that his system was not yet restored to good working order.

Two other patients, who had been for eight or nine weeks under Dr. DODGE's care, were conversing at one of the tables. They were apparently greatly interested in the subject under discussion, and spoke with vivacity and earnestness. Their brains are fast recovering from the effects of the alcoholic poison imbibed into their systems. They have learned to value a clear brain and a healthy body, and cheerfully and contentedly continue on the only course which can restore them to the world with sufficient strength of will to prevent them from again falling into temptation. Moreover, they had passed that stage of recovery before which the craving appetite for drink always recurs at stated periods—about the time the patient has been in the habit of going on a "spree." The periodical recurrence of appetite is a strange and rather startling phase of alcoholic disease. Some patients will have a craving for liquor once a week, some once a fortnight, others only once in three weeks or a month; but in all cases the patients, on being questioned, will admit that it has been their habit, as a general thing, to give way to intoxication at about those intervals. This recurrence is, no doubt, governed by physical laws, similar in character to those which govern intermittent and other relapsing fevers.

While enjoying the view from one of the parlor windows, a man, the picture of health and strength, came striding through the snow, at a brisk pace and with firm tread, up the steep incline of the carriage-road, whistling some popular air and swinging a cudgel which he had just cut from the woods on the neighboring hill-top. Surely, I thought when he entered the room, that bright, healthy, glowing color, that clear bright eye, that cheery "Glad to see you, Sir," as he accepted my introduction, cannot be possible to a man who has so lately been a drunkard. But he had been a drunkard, and of the worst description, too. He told me that for years he had been in the habit of going off on drunken sprees for a week or ten days at a time, spending hundreds of dollars which should have gone to his family, and ruining himself, body and soul. He said that his wife had entreated and persuaded him to try the Asylum and that he would always bless her for it. "Why, Sir," he exclaimed, "I was a perfect wreck when I came here. But in a few days I began to eat a little, and now I eat so heartily that I often think I ought to pay more board-money. I have gained twenty-seven pounds of solid flesh in the six months I have been here. My time is up next week; my wife is here now to take me home. Poor soul! Well, I shall make no promises. I have to act, not talk. Good day, Sir." This case Dr. DODGE regards as a certain, permanent cure. He thinks the disease is thoroughly eradicated, though he strongly insists, even in this instance, on the necessity of total abstinence in the future as well as for all reformed drunkards. I asked the doctor what he thought was a fair estimate of the proportion of permanent cures among those who had left the Asylum. He says that it is difficult to form a trustworthy estimate, but that from all the data they can collect on the subject, they think from sixty to sixty-five per cent. is by no means in excess of the reality.

One word about the exact capability of the Asylum as a reformatory, so far as I understand it from Dr. DODGE. It does not assume the power of so curing a man of the love of liquor that a relapse is improbable. As soon as a man puts his foot into the Asylum he is regarded as a patient seeking hospital treatment for a curable physical disease, brought on by the constant introduction into the system of alcoholic poison. The first thing is to eliminate the poison, then to gradually work away its pernicious influence on the brain and internal organization. So soon as this is effected the patient is restored to the mental and bodily condition in which he was before he first betrayed a tendency to the love of alcohol. But no treatment will eradicate the tendency, and it is precisely that which the reformed drunkard has to fight against. One drink of whisky may at any time reawaken that slumbering tendency, just as some trifling incident will resuscitate a long-forgotten love, if certain circumstances do not intervene. In the case of the love of alcohol, the intervening circumstance is total abstinence. Many a man who has passed a term at the Asylum, and has left it strong in the conviction that he is now possessed of sufficient strength of will to drink in moderation, has found himself back under Dr. DODGE's care within three months. Those who have been drunkards, and have reformed, must ever bear in mind that they have became drunkards because they had in their composition what their fellow-men have not—an inherent tendency to a love of alcohol.

Cannot something be done to change the name of the Asylum? If the word inebriate must be brought in, let it be called the State Asylum for Inebriates.

The well-wishers of this institution will be rejoiced to learn that, after experiencing many vicissitudes of fortune, it is at last self-sustaining. Dr. DODGE not only hopes to clear all expenses for the current year, but to show a small surplus on the 1st of January. This is most encouraging, and is a practical testimony to the efficiency of the present management and superintendence. The number of patients has greatly increased during the last year, the expenses have been reduced without interfering with the comfort of the patients or providing a less liberal table, and all are satisfied. After a long season of adversity, the Asylum enjoys prosperity. A. P.

AMUSEMENTS.

Musical.

THE CHURCH MUSIC ASSOCIATION.

The first concert of the third season of the Church Music Association will be given on the evening of Tuesday, Dec. 19, at Steinway Hall. Public rehearsals have already begun on Thursday afternoons at 3½ o'clock, at the same place, and private rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings at Trinity Chapel School-rooms. The new, or hitherto unattempted, works to be given this season by the Church Music Association include an oratorio by JOACHIM RAFF, esteemed by musicians a rising composer. HAYDN'S Second Mass, and the whole of the music of "Preciosa," by C. M. VON WEBER, will likewise be rendered, the latter in obedience to general request. The vocalists, so far as we have heard, are to be Mrs. PHILIP D. GULAGER, Mrs. JENNY KEMPTON, Mr. W. S. LEGGATT and Mr. FRANZ REMMERTZ. Dr. JAMES PECH will, as usual, direct and conduct the concerts. The chorus will consist of 300 voices, and the orchestra will number seventy-five instruments.

ITALIAN OPERA.

The last evening performance but one of the present brilliant season of Italian opera takes place at the Academy of Music to-night. "La Traviata" will be sung. In yesterday's reference to Thursday's representation in aid of the Societé Française de Bienfaisance, we neglected to mention that, in addition to the recital of "La Fille du Régiment," and to the concert, Signor BRIGNOLI and Miss CARY will sing the fourth act of "La Favorita." The matinée entertainment of Saturday, with which the series of performances will terminate, promises to be of unusual interest. "Fra Diavolo" is to be brought out on that occasion, with M. CAPOUL in a character in which he won much applause in Paris. Mlle. DUVAL, Miss CARY and Signor RONCONI are concerned in the same rendering of AUBER'S most important and most tuneful work.

MME. DE BARROS' CONCERT.

The concert given at Steinway Hall last evening introduced to the audience Mme. DE BARROS, a lady well known in Philadelphia as an amateur songstress of decided merit. Mme. DE BARROS has a very sympathetic and tuneable voice, and she shows considerable skill in its management. In spite of a "stage fright," equal, seemingly, to downright terror, she sang BENEDICT'S "Skylark" and PERELLI'S "Gazzaniga Waltz" with surety, taste and effect. Mme. DE BARROS had the assistance of Mr. F. REMMERTZ, Mr. GEORGE SIMPSON, Miss CELESTINE GOTTSCHALK and Miss ANTOINETTE STERLING. Miss STERLING has a magnificent contralto which would produce a deep impression in the concert-room if its possessor had sensibility and an artistic delivery. As Miss STERLING now sings, her selections are neither cheering nor pathetic; they are simply lugubrious.

New-York Historical Society.

The New-York Historical Society held a meeting last night. E. DE LANCEY, Esq., was introduced, and read a paper on "Sir William Johnson, and Social Life at Johnson Hall a Hundred Years Ago." The paper gave minute and interesting details of Sir WILLIAM'S military career and subsequent private life, and was listened to with great attention by a large audience.

THE WHARTON TRIAL.

A Full Jury Secured and Impaneled.

Formal Commencement of the Trial—Reading the Indictment—Firmness of the Prisoner—What the Prosecution Intend Proving.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ANNAPOLIS, Md. Dec. 5.—The four additional jurors in the Wharton case, required to make a full jury, were found this morning, and the trial of the case regularly commenced. The State gave no challenging, and the jury is virtually one made up to please the defense. The Court met promptly at 10 o'clock, Associate Judges HAMMOND, of Howard County, and HAYDEN, of Carroll County, taking their seats on the Bench with Chief-Judge MILLER. Attorney-General SYESTER was also present to assist in the prosecution. The Court-room, as yesterday, was crowded to its full capacity, including a large number of ladies, a dozen or more negroes filling up the background. Chief-Judge BASTOL, of the State Court of Appeals, occupied a seat adjoining the bar. Officers from the Naval School and Professors of St. John's College were among the audience, apparently taking deep interest in the proceedings. The prisoner, with her faithful daughter by her side, both deeply veiled, attended by Mrs. NEILSON and daughter, sat immediately in the rear of her counsel. After the formal opening of the Court, the Clerk proceeded to call the names of the talesmen summoned yesterday, from which the last of our jurymen were to be selected.

As soon as the jury was complete, Judge MILLER instructed them that they would not be allowed to read newspapers containing comments on the trial, and they were then severally sworn. The Clerk then arose to read the indictment to the jury, and the prisoner took her stand in the box. The attention of every juryman was riveted on Col. HOWARD, the Clerk, as he read the indictment. During the half hour consumed in the reading the eyes of the prisoner were fixed with steady and absorbing interest alternately on the jury and the Clerk. Save this wandering of the eyes from him who slowly and distinctly pronounced the terrible charge against her to that twelve men, upon whose verdict her life depended, not a feature of the face changed; no emotion was visible. Her whole thought and soul seemed buried in a deep and penetrating contemplation of the jury. She stood firmly erect until after the jury had been directed, in accordance with the usual formality, to look upon her. Subsequently she resumed her seat near her counsel, and for the remainder of the day was closely veiled.

Mr. REVELLS, Prosecuting Attorney for the County, opened the case by explaining that under Maryland law, murder by poison is murder in first degree. The law questions to be ascertained and applied in this case are simply has murder been committed, and if so, was it done by the prisoner. The question of fact is simply who administered that poison. WHARTON describes murder to be unlawful killing with malice. Now if malice is an ingredient in this case, it is a case of murder in the first degree, or in other words it is truly and solemnly a case of liberty or death. We propose to show that Gen. KETCHUM and Major HARRY WHARTON, husband of the accused, were intimate friends and fellow-officers in the Sixth United States Infantry, and that after Major WHARTON'S death the intimacy between his widow and Gen. KETCHUM was continued. Out of that intimacy grew business relations. Two years before KETCHUM'S death he loaned Mrs. WHARTON $2,600, for which she gave her note bearing ten per cent. interest, the interest payable semi-annually. The last payment was made on the 20th of January, 1871. We will prove that the debt was not discharged up to the death of the General; that the accused was notified that she would be required to pay the note in full on June 17, 1871. In the meantime she failed, apologizing therefor by saying that her bankers had disappointed her. She now says she paid it, and that Gen. KETCHEM'S memory was at fault; that his mind and reason were blurred before his death, and that he forgot to give her credit. We will show the contrary. Also that on the 16th or 17th of June the accused went to Washington to arrange the payment of the note. Gen. KETCHUM visited her on the 20th of the same month with Mrs. CHUBB to collect the money from her for the purpose of furnishing a house that he had recently purchased, and to bid the accused good-bye previous to her intended departure for Europe. We will show that he was then in good health and sound mind, that on Saturday, the 24th, he took tea with Mrs. WHARTON; that he was taken sick that night; that Sunday night he took lemonade with her, and was sick again; that he never left her house alive, and up to his death on Wednesday drank porter and other drinks from her hand, and finally yellow jessamine prescribed by Dr. WILLIAMS. We will show the peculiar circumstances under which the last dose was administered. Mrs. SNOWDEN and Mrs. HUTTON were present in the General's room. Dr. WILLIAMS had given him a dose at 11 o'clock, and ordered another at 1 o'clock. At 12½ o'clock, Mrs. HUTTON having been out of the room, returned suddenly and discovered the accused pouring a liquid from a bottle into the medicine cup. The accused said, "I've dropped out the General's drops." Mrs. HUTTON said, "That's not the medicine." The accused replied, "You are wrong; I dropped too much." We will show that she was anxious to give the dose at twenty, at eighteen and at fifteen minutes before 1 o'clock, asking continually what time it was. That finally Mrs. HUTTON gave her watch to the accused to see the time herself, and that the dose was administered at five minutes before 1; Mrs. SNOWDEN was present; fifteen minutes afterward disagreeable symptoms showed themselves, the deceased commencing to tear and lacerate his throat and stomach, the accused, in the meantime, holding the cup from which she had given the dose in her own hands, and when she left the room carrying it with her. Shortly after the General died. The body was taken to Mr. WEAVER'S, where a post-mortem was held, the stomach being cautiously analyzed by Prof. AIKEN, and twenty grains of tartar emetic found in it. The liver, lungs, brain and heart gave no indication of disease, but the stomach told the tale of death by poison, and no other cause. We will show that the accused had previously bought two quantities of tartar emetic, and that she administered it. That she has since then attempted to suborn witnesses summoned before the Grand Jury; that she was up and down all night of the three nights before the General died. That a glass of punch was found in her house containing eight or ten grains of tartar emetic. We will give you the opinions of experts, and we will show that her financial affairs were contracted, and that she was trying to raise funds for a letter of credit for her European trip, and that consequently she could not have paid the note to the deceased; that the note was in his possession when he left Washington; that all the rest of his bonds, notes, &c., have been found as they were scheduled by him before his death, except the accused's notes which mysteriously disappeared.

Mr. STEELE announced that at a subsequent stage, after the testimony for the State was all in, he would present the case for the defense, and remarked that the bark of an opening speech was always worse than the bite.

Mrs. CHUBB was then called to the stand, and proceeded to testify.

The material portion of her testimony was that she had known the prisoner for twenty-two years; that she took tea with Gen. KETCHUM, at Mrs. WHARTON'S, on Saturday evening, the 24th of June, the day of his arrival in Baltimore. Gen. KETCHUM was taken sick during the night. On Sunday he complained of giddiness and sick stomach. Sunday night Gen. KETCHUM and witness both took a glass of lemonade prepared by Mrs. WHARTON. The General took brandy in his, pouring it in the glass himself. On Monday he still complained of being unwell, and in the afternoon consented to have a physician. Dr. WILLIAMS was sent for, and prescribed. The prescription was obtained; shortly afterward, the phial, or bottle, containing the prescription was accidentally overthrown by Mrs. WHARTON, and broken, as stated by prisoner to witness. The witness was about to go to the apothecary, and have the prescription renewed, when she asked Mrs. WHARTON if she desired her to get anything else, to which prisoner replied that she wanted some tartar emetic to apply to her breast. Witness procured the medicine and also quantity of tartar emtic, which she took to Mrs. WHARTON and placed it on the mantel. She occupied the same room with Mrs. WHARTON, who, on retiring to her chamber, took the paper of tartar emetic, sifted it in a mustard plaster and placed it on her breast, witness lying on the bed at the time, and seeing the sifting and application of plaster. Mrs. WHARTON was up, off and on, during Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights, the greater portion of each night. The witness left Mrs. WHARTON'S about seven o'clock on Tuesday morning for Washington, and did not see KETCHUM alive again. The question was asked witness: "Had you any conversation with Gen. KETCHUM on his way to Baltimore, as to his object in going there?" which was objected to by counsel for the defense. Numerous authorities were cited to sustain the objection. The argument continued until 3 o'clock without being concluded, when the Court adjourned until to-morrow.

Judging from appearances, the jury is composed of intelligent, thoughtful men, who will carefully weigh every shade of the testimony. The jury consists of eight farmers, one physician, one printer, one telegraph operator, and one merchant. A majority have attained the meridian of life, only two or three being comparatively young men.

Fire in Fulton-Street.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire occurred in the apartments of JAMES WILCOX, dealer in photographic materials, on the second floor of No. 330 Fulton-street, but was speedily extinguished. The photographic establishment of CHARLES H. RAWSON, adjoining, was also damaged, but the losses could not be ascertained. RAWSON is insured in the Lafayette for $3,500. The stock of MAX ABLER, on the first floor, was also damaged. Insured in the Germania for $3,000. The stock of THOMAS CASSIN, No. 332 Fulton-street, was damaged $500 by water; insured in the Continental.

Prof. Doremus on Carbon, at Association Hall.

Prof. DOREMUS lectured last night, at Association Hall, upon carbon, its distribution and relationship to the extraordinary in plain and animal life. He also enlarged upon the practical application of the diamond drill, the relation of carbon to oxygen, hydrogen and nitrogen. Many experiments were made, much to the delight of the audience, and entertaining chemical operations were exhibited and discussed at length.

The Committee of Seventy.

The Committee of Seventy met last evening, JAMES M. BROWN, Esq., presiding in the first instance, and at a subsequent part of the proceedings WILLIAM F. HAVEMEYER, Esq.

A long discussion followed the report of the Committee on Legislation, which has the subject of a new City Charter under consideration, and the matter was referred back to that Committee, of which Hon. EDWARD SALOMON is Chairman. Some subcommittees were appointed and the meeting adjourned.

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DIED.

COPPINS.—On Tuesday, Dec. 5, of consumption, CARRIE A., eldest daughter of Thomas H. and Isabella T. Coppins, aged 19 years, 6 months and 10 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-morrow (Thursday) afternoon at 1½ o'clock, from the Berean Baptist Church, corner Bedford and Downing streets, without further invitation.

CHURCH.—At Morristown, N. J., on Tuesday, Dec. 5, JOHN R. CHURCH, aged 70 years.

The funeral will take place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at 2 P. M., from the residence of his son, W. E. Church, at Morristown. Morris and Essex Railroad train leaves foot of Barclay-st. at 12 M.

DEMING.—At Baltimore, on Tuesday, Dec. 5, HANNAH WOOLCOTT, relict of Barzillai Deming, aged 85 years and 5 months, of extensive pneumonia.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

DUNNING.—On Tuesday morning, Dec. 5, BENNIE PALMER, eldest son of Edward C. and Amanda P. Dunning, aged 2 years, 2 months and 10 days.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral this day, (Wednesday,) at 1 o'clock P. M., at the residence of his parents, Tremont, N. Y.

FRANCIS.—At South Orange, N. J., on Monday, Dec. 4, LAURA, only child of Edward E. and Cordelia Francis, aged 3 years, 4 months, and 23 days.

Funeral services at South Orange on Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 11 o'clock A. M. The remains will be taken to Green-Wood. Train leaves New-York, foot of Barclay-st., at 9-10 A. M.

HOLMES.—Suddenly on Sunday, Dec. 3, LUKE H. HOLMES, in the 70th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 33 East 21st-st., on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, without further invitation. The remains will be taken to Stamford, Conn., for interment by the 12¼ P. M. train.

HUTCHINSON.—At San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 21, of typhoid fever, in his 19th year, ERNEST HOOLS, eldest son of John J. and the late Mary Hutchinson.

KELLOGG.—On Monday, Dec. 4, S. T. KELLOGG, in the 56th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, North Broadway, Yonkers, on Thursday morning, Dec. 7, at 11 o'clock. Carriages will meet the 9¼ train from 42d-st., New-York, at the Yonkers Depot.

LYDECKER.—At West Hackensack, Dec. 2, MARGRETA, widow of Albert Lydecker, in the 83d year of her age.

NICHOLSON.—On Monday morning, Dec. 4, ANNA ELIZA ROSAMOND, wife of Rev. E. G. Nicholson, D. D.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, at Grace Church, on this day, (Wednesday,) at 1¼ P. M.

REMSEN.—On Monday, Dec. 4, SARAH REMSEN, sister of the late Henry Remsen, in the 86th year of her age.

The friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend her funeral from the residence of J. Grafton, No. 307 5th-av., on Wednesday morning, Dec. 6, at 10 o'clock.

SMITH.—On the 4th inst., at Washington, D. C., Hon. THOMAS L. SMITH, formerly of this City, aged 83 years; for many years the faithful and efficient First Auditor of the Treasury of the United States, and well known to a numerous circle of attached friends, as a gentleman of the old school.

SHAFER.—On Dec. 4, Mrs. CATHARINE SHAFER, relict of Henry Shafer, aged 45 years.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, No. 347 West 50th-st., this morning at 10 o'clock, thence to St. Paul's Church, 59th-st. The remains will be taken to Richmond, Va., for interment.

STUYVESANT.—Suddenly, on Monday, Dec. 4, of scarlet fever, AUGUSTA, only child of Henry and Carrie Stuyvesant, aged 3 years and 8 months.

The funeral services will take place on Wednesday morning, Dec. 6, at 10 A. M., from St. Mark's Church, corner of 10th-st. and 2d-av.

VOORHEES.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 3, inst., after a lingering illness, MARY E., widow of the late George W. Voorhees, and the only daughter of James and the late Julia A. Shaw, aged 39 years.

The friends and relatives of the family, and those of her brother, John J. Shaw, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral services at her late residence, No. 103 Clinton-place, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6, inst., at 7½ o'clock, without further invitation. The remains will be taken to Greenburg, Westchester County, on Thursday morning, for interment.

WALKER.—On Tuesday Dec. 5, LUCY B., wife of Thomas George Walker.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from her late residence, No. 12 West 50th-

LOCAL AFFAIRS.

American Museum of Natural History.

The third reception at the Museum of Natural History, in the Central Park, took place yesterday, and in spite of the chilling winds which swept over the City throughout the day, was well attended. Grafulla's band discoursed pleasant music at intervals, and added to the attractions of the museum. Of the collections of stuffed birds and animals, fossils, shells, mention has already been made. The birds have very properly been divided into four groups, those on the second floor comprising South American and African specimens, with their large forms and rich plumage, and those on the third floor North American and European. The great auk presented by R. L. STUART always forms a centre of attraction, and around it gather wondering and admiring throngs. The windows of the building have been prettily decorated with exotic and other plants, recently removed from the open ground of the Park, they being unable to withstand the rigors of our Winter. The effect is decidedly pretty. The wonder of the Verrean collection from Paris, the arrival of which was delayed by the European war, is now in the location assigned for it, together with several others contributed by private individuals. A contribution book for the purchase of choice collections of minerals, subjects of natural history, &c., has been opened, and the whole amount subscribed is $60,000. The trustees of the museum, however, make an earnest appeal to have the amount increased to $200,000. They have been offered a most valuable collection of fossils from South Carolina, dating from the pliocene and post-pliocene periods, which would add greatly to the attractions of the Museum; also a collection of conchology, and these they desire to secure, but at present the funds are wanting. It is to be hoped that they will ere long be forthcoming, for the Museum has proved to be a favorite place of resort for visitors to the Park, and in five days as many as 10,000 persons have passed through the rooms. The Trustees have resolved, hereafter, to reserve Mondays and Tuesdays for the visits of trustees and their friends, contributors, school teachers and their pupils. Those who wish to avoid a crush can obtain a ticket for those days at No. 265 Broadway, the office of the Park Commissioners.

The Municipal Frauds—Expenditure on the Hall of Records—Presentment by the Grand Jury.

The Grand Jury, which was convened specially to consider the recent charge of Judge BEDFORD in relation to the Municipal frauds, entered the Court of General Sessions yesterday morning, and handed in a presentment. In doing so, the foreman said that it was not usual to make presentments in open Court, but in the present instance the matter was one of public importance. The presentment related to the Hall of Records, in which the title to the real estate of the City is deposited. The Grand Jury found the building in a shameful state of dilapidation, and asked that immediate steps be taken to rescue the books and documents from their present peril. The Jury learned that $160,000 had been paid to put a new top-story on the building, but this story and the upper story of the old building are in an unfinished and dangerous condition. The Grand Jury further say, that good judges estimate all expenditures for all attempted improvements on the building at only $55,000. They asked the Court to apply a remedy to this state of affairs, and recommended the erection of a building, entirely fire-proof, for the safety of the records.

Judge BEDFORD said that as regards the safety of the building, the matter rested with the Register, but as regards frauds it was entirely for the Jury to take action in the matter.

The Grand Jury then retired to reconsider the subject.

Assault on Mlle. Nilsson—The Offender Sentenced to Six Months Imprisonment.

Mlle. CHRISTINA NILSSON, the Queen of Song, appeared in a new rôle yesterday, as complainant at Essex Market Police Court. For a considerable time past, CHARLES THEODORE BUSCH, a German, has been persistent in his attentions to Mlle. NILSSON, and has followed her like a shadow wherever she went. Yesterday he forcibly effected an entrance into her rooms, in the Clarendon Hotel, and made an attempt to kiss her, which was prevented by her friends, who put him out of the room. To avoid a continuance of the annoyance, she was induced to have him arrested. BUSCH was accordingly brought before Justice SCOTT, on a charge of assault, and Mlle. NILSSON was in attendance to prosecute. During the examination, the prisoner rushed from the custody of the officer who had him in charge, and kissed the complainant's cloak. He was sent to the Island for six months, after having expressed his determination to marry her on his release.

The Roosevelt-Street Homicide.

An inquest was held, yesterday, by Coroner HERRMAN in the case of ROGER BETTS, who was stabbed, on the 19th of November, at No. 10 Roosevelt-street, by JEREMIAH EVANS. The testimony showed that deceased and his sister, Mrs. ALICE COLBERT, had been out upon a visit, and, upon entering the hallway of their residence, were met by EVANS and one JOSEPH GALVIN, and the former, without any provocation whatever, being offered him, stabbed BETTS in the back, and also attempted to stab Mrs. COLBERT. The case being given to the jury, five of the members rendered a verdict against EVANS, and also against GALVIN as an accessory. Seven others agreed in this verdict, except as to holding GALVIN as an accessory. Upon this verdict both prisoners were committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The Condition of the Collapsed Banks.

The Committee appointed by the depositors in the Bowling-green Savings Bank will make a demand on the receiver, today, to have the investigation proceed forthwith. Some of the officers of the bank have represented that fifty per cent. of the amount of deposits would be paid before Christmas, but it is thought that this promise will remain unfulfilled unless the action of the depositors forces the bank to speedy payment. At the Guardian Savings Bank there is every indication that the creditors will get all, or a portion of their money, before the close of this month. It is understood that the delay in making a report as to the condition of the Stuyvesant Bank, is owing to the conduct of the Manufacturers' Bank, and not to the Mechanics' and Tradesmen's Bank, as heretofore announced.

A City Car Assault—The System of Transfers.

In the Superior Court, Trial Term, Part II., yesterday, the case of THOMAS HAMILTON *vs.* The Third-avenue Railroad Company came up for hearing. It was an action to recover damages for violence by defendants' servant. In June, 1868, it appeared by the testimony, plaintiff was riding down from Harlem on defendants' car, and having reached the SIXTY-fifth-street Depot, the car stopped, and the conductor told him to take another car and it would be all right. He got into the other car and the conductor, on plaintiff refusing to pay another fare, ejected him from the car with great violence. The damages claimed is $5,000. The case is still on.

Reunion of Dartmouth College Alumni.

The Alumni of Dartmouth College, in New-York, hold their annual festival to-morrow evening, at Delmonico's. An unusually brilliant gathering is expected. Short speeches will be made, and many of them will be a new and acceptable feature. Among a large number of distinguished guests for the occasion, we note the names of Attorney-General AKERMAN, President ASA D. SMITH, President BROWN, Hon. GEO. W. BURLEIGH, and Prof. ORDRONAUX. The presiding officer is RICHARD B. KIMBALL.

Another Black Friday Suit—Heavy Verdict.

In the case of RODERICK W. CAMERON *vs.* FRANZ DERKHIE, tried before Judge JOSEPH F. DALY, in the Court of Common Pleas, the jury yesterday rendered a verdict in favor of plaintiff for $36,568 02. The suit grew out of a failure of defendant to purchase gold in pursuance of plaintiff's orders after the fall of gold on "Black Friday."

The Mayor and the Appointment of School Trustees.

A number of deputations called on the Mayor, yesterday, in regard to the appointment of School Trustees. The Mayor said he would consider the claims of the various candidates, and would make the appointments on or after the 10th inst. He also promised to reappoint WM. FISCHER School Trustee in the Seventeenth Ward.

Cruel Detention of Witnesses.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, Judge BEDFORD ordered the Clerk to prepare a list of cases where witnesses were so detained, and said that it was a cruel injustice to the witnesses, and that he would take steps to have the practice discontinued.

Jurymen Fined.

Only 26 out of 120 petit jurors answered in the General Sessions, yesterday, and the absentees were fined $100 each.

Three Policemen Dismissed.

The Board of Police yesterday dismissed from the Department THOMAS LYONS, of the Fourteenth Precinct; MICHAEL HEALEY, of the Eighth Precinct, and THOMAS DALY, of the Seventeenth Precinct. LYONS is the man who was tried on the previous day for inveigling MICHAEL REYNOLDS from his home and inducing him to make a will in his favor.

Appointment of Market Clerks.

Yesterday JACOB ALEXANDER was appointed Clerk of Clinton Market, in place of WM. MCKAY, and JOSEPH EBETTS, Deputy Clerk of West Washington Market, in place of WM. ROACH.

A New Savings Bank for Seamen.

The Trustees of the "East-side Savings Bank for Sailors," which is to be located in the Seamen's Exchange Building, on Cherry-street, opposite the Sailor's Home, held a meeting yesterday at the rooms of the American Seamen's Friend Society, for the purpose of electing officers. The following gentlemen were elected, viz.:

Capt. C. C. Duncan, President; A. S. Hatch, S. V. White, Vice-Presidents; Moses S. Beach, Secretary and Treasury; Wm. T. Booth, Edmund Dwight, Wm. Mathews, Executive Committee.

This bank will go into active operation as soon as the new building of the Seamen's Association is completed, which will be in January next. Its location will be favorable to its success, for it will be directly among the sailors' boarding-houses, dry-dock and ship-yards.

Meeting of the Newly-Elected Assistant Aldermen.

The newly-elected Assistant Aldermen met at the Fifth-avenue Hotel last evening. Mr. C. C. PINCKNEY presided. Messrs. HALL, SCHWARTZ and STACOM were appointed to see what legal measures could be taken to oust the present Board, in case it refused to vacate. It was resolved to be sworn into office in a body, some time during the present month. The meeting then adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair. It was expected that some opposition would be manifested at the meeting by the re-elected members, but nothing occurred to mar the proceedings.

The Case of Ingersoll.

The order for the arrest of INGERSOLL has been returned by Sheriff BRENNAN to the Supreme Court, the time specified for its service having expired.

Stoppage of Boats on the Canal.

The cold weather has been disastrous to canal navigation. The hope for a change before the ice became so thick as to prevent further movement of boats has proved delusive. The cold term has not ceased and the freezing continues. The following is a list of boats detained on the Erie Canal. The list of boats on the sixty-mile level begins at Higginsville and ends near Utica:

ON THE SIXTY-MILE LEVEL.

Name of Boat.	Cargo, and where bound.
Fred. Petrie.	lumber, New-York.
City of Albany,	wheat, New-York.
Barney Van Valen,	wheat, New-York.
W. R. Hopkins,	corn, Rome.
S. D. Hooper,	wheat, New-York.
Geo. W. Wilmot,	wheat, New-York.
Meteor, Ithaca,	corn, New-York.
J. C. Anthony.	corn, Utica.
Oxford, oats,	Utica.
Fall Brook,	coal, Rome.
Time, shooks,	New-York.
H. T. Youman, barley,	New-York.
Ellen Carman,	water lime, Utica.
C. E. Adams,	lumber, Utica.
A. Chub,	wheat, New-York.
Clara A. Willets,	corn, New-York.
Geo. J. Marsh,	corn, New-York.
Pluto, flour,	New-York.
North America,	staves, New-York.
Kate, corn, (sunk,)	New-York.
Cerea, wheat,	New-York.
Grant & Colfax,	corn, New-York.
Laura M. Collins,	oats and barley, New-York.
City of Utica,	wheat, New-York.
M. B. Clark,	corn, New-York.
American Eagle,	corn, New-York.
Cumberland,	corn, New-York.
G. W. Fitt,	wheat, New-York.
Hank & Jennie,	Coal, Sing Sing.
J. G. Merriman,	corn, New-York.
John G. Cullan,	corn, New-York.
Julia,	wheat, New-York.
Juno,	oats, New-York.
C. W. Mott,	wheat, New-York.
Alpha,	barley, New-York.
W. D. Patterson,	wheat, New-York.
H. Holmes,	corn, Mohawk.
Charley E. Roberts,	lumber, Troy.
Lockport,	wheat, New-York.
C. Wagdell,	flour, New-York.
E. M. Fort,	wheat, New-York.
Robert S. Shurlock,	barley, Albany.
Stone Fleet,	corn, New-York.
Cassicus,	lumber, New-York.
Cora Dawley,	barley, New-York.
H. A. Richmond,	oats, New-York.
James Farroll,	barley, New-York.
N. Havens, Jr.,	shooks and lumber, New-York.
Edward Wight,	barley and oats, New-York.
Camden,	wheat, New-York.
H. Shattuck,	corn, New-York.
Milton Hoag,	corn, New-York.
M. Birdsall,	wheat, Utica.
J. A. Hart,	wheat, New-York.
Angus C. Bunell,	wheat, New-York.
Port Byron,	corn, New-York.
Fame, flour,	Utica.
Favorite,	corn, Coxes.
Col. C. H. Robinson,	feed, Utica.
E. A. Holt,	wheat, New-York.
Mary,	wheat, New-York.
H. Gibson,	wheat, New-York.
H. P. Brussell,	barley, New-York.
Thomas Curan,	wheat, New-York.
Neponset,	coal, Schenectady.
Dighton H. Winans,	oats, New-York.
B. R. Davis,	barley and oats, New-York.
A. Ferguson,	lumber, New-York.
Adams,	corn and barley, New-York.
Austin Scott,	corn, New-York.
Geo. M. King,	corn, New-York.
Add A. Buel,	oats, New-York.
Lively Jack,	barley, Albany.
Adda Stoll,	wheat, New-York.
J. P. Jordan,	lumber, New-York.
Dover,	oats, New-York.
J. H. Woodin,	lumber, Albany.
John L. Post,	coal, New-York.
John G. Freeman,	wheat, New-York.
George W. Marcellins,	wheat, New-York.
L. B. Robe,	wheat, New-York.
Frank E. Ryder,	wheat and flour, New-York.
R. G. Briggs,	wheat and flour, New-York.
C. W. Dervis,	corn, New-York.
P. H. Clark,	stone, New-York.
A. V. McKeel,	corn, New-York.
J. A. Scoville,	barley, New-York.
John A. Wolcott,	flour, New-York.
Commonwealth,	wheat, New-York.
Kanawha,	lumber, Albany.
George Harris,	corn, New-York.
W. M. Stimson,	barley, New-York.
Dewitt Parshall,	wheat, New-York.
Carrie McGimsey,	oats, New-York.
Eva May,	lumber, New-York.
J. H. Gilbert,	barley, New-York.
Leighton Brothers,	barley, New-York.
Chas. W. Candee,	wheat, New-York.
A. A. Laflin,	corn, New-York.
Paul Jones,	peas, New-York.
C. W. Cornu,	corn, New-York.
Lexington,	corn, New-York.
E. Martin,	corn, New-York.
Margaret,	corn, New-York.
Tucker,	barley, New-York.
Emma Traver,	wheat, New-York.

NINE-MILE LEVEL AT UTICA.

City Bank,	corn, New-York.
Edwin Mead,	corn, New-York.
Wm. J. Russell,	wheat, New-York.
Heman D. Waldridge,	barley, New-York.
Welly & George,	barley, New-York.
Henry Gaffney,	barley, New-York.
E. T. Bruce,	wheat, New-York.
Belle, staves,	New-York.
Pallas, oats,	New-York.
Harry Backley,	oats and wheat, New-York.
D. M. Long, oats,	New-York.
Monticello,	corn, New-York.
O. C. French, oats,	New-York.
H. C. Stillman,	corn, New-York.
Peerce L. Pearce,	wheat, New-York.
C. R. Rooker,	barley, New-York.
C. A. Cruachees,	barley, New-York.
Wamba, oats,	New-York.
Alexander Pierce,	wheat, New-York.
William Wart,	corn, New-York.
R. E. Walrath,	corn, New-York.
York Town,	wheat, New-York.
Leo. Daniels,	wheat, New-York.
Carrie R. Vaughn,	barley, New-York.
Kate Rappelye,	oats, New-York.
Margie,	wheat, New-York.
T. W. French,	oats, New-York.
Libbie, corn,	New-York.
Emma Norton,	wheat, New-York.
Lena Ostrander,	barley, apples, Philadelphia.
Ezra Downer,	corn, New-York.
H. M. Barnes,	oats, New-York.
H. A. Hawkins,	lumber, New-York.
Willie Underuill,	malt, New-York.
Nina Howe,	lumber, Troy.
Lewis M. Cole,	wheat, New-York.
Henry Attenbrand,	wheat, New-York.
N. Strever,	corn, New-York.
Lewis P. Howell,	wheat, malt, New-York.
Governor,	oats, New-York.
Jennie Griffin,	apples, potatoes, New-York.
John McGraw,	oats, New-York.
George Wheaton,	oats, New-York.
J. M. Butler,	wheat, New-York.
Clipper,	corn, New-York.
Edgar Eugene,	oats and wheat, New-York.
Dunderburg,	hoops and staves, New-York.
J. A. Labar,	corn and shooks, New-York.
S. A. Waterman,	corn and shooks, New-York.
George Traver,	corn and shooks, New-York.
Hiram Graves,	corn and shooks, New-York.
Henry Beckwick,	lumber, Albany.
Mary A. Kinny,	rye, New-York.
Jesse Vanriper,	gas coal, New-York.
R. Morgan,	staves, New-York.
Geo. K. Thomas,	lumber, Troy.
A. Pierce,	flour, New-York.
John R. Fero,	wheat, New-York.
Ock Hewitt,	corn, New-York.
Antietam,	wheat, New-York.
Manhattan,	wheat, New-York.
Fair Oaks,	staves and coal, Troy.
A. O. Lamereaux,	corn, New-York.
M. N. Wilbur,	wheat, New-York.

EAST OF UTICA ON NINE-MILE LEVEL.

E. J. Hawley,	oats, New-York
Julia Benjamin,	corn, New-York.
S. E. Roberts,	pig-iron, &c., Troy.
E. J. Hulburt,	corn, New-York.
Andrew Farrell,	rye and wheat, New-York.
James Vick,	wheat and barley Albany.
C. C. Fook,	corn, New-York.
Jennie A. Allen,	corn, New York.
David C. Miuk,	wheat, New-York.
Job,	lumber, New-York.
Hattie Eliza,	wheat New-York.
Rase,	lumber, New York.
A. S. Beverley,	staves, New York.
C. Hinsdale,	wheat and cheese, New-York.
Col. J. S. Smith,	wheat and cheese, New-York.
Rockaway,	corn, New York.
W. H. Groot,	corn, New York
Iuka,	barley, New-York.
Katie,	corn, New-York.
P. B. Davis,	corn, New-York
Humboldt,	lumber, Albany.
Samuel Thom,	oats, New-York.
Alexander,	oats, New-York.
Midway,	corn, New York.
Leiua Garvey,	lumber, Albany.
S. Rockwell,	oats, New-York.
E. S. Dicus,	wheat, New-York.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The attendance at the Exchange yesterday, Dec. 5, was larger than usual, and the business transacted of some importance. The following is a review: JAMES M. MILLER, by order of the Supreme Court, in partition, under the direction of N. JARVIS, Jr., THOMAS H. LANGDON and GEO. L. INGRAHAM, Commissioners, disposed of the premises known as No. 120 Williamstreet, east side, between Fulton and John streets, embracing a five-story brick house with lot, the latter in size 24.6 by about 155. The property was sold subject to a lease expiring May 1, 1875, the annual rent being $1,400, the lease also containing a covenant of renewal for twenty-one years upon a condition that the lessee pay the sum of $12,500 in cash, and that a five per cent. valuation upon the appraised value of the lot, without the improvements, be added to the yearly rent. These terms, of course, deteriorated the value of the realty, but notwithstanding it brought $34,500, AUGUSTUS RAPELYE being the purchaser. Mr. MILLER also sold, by order of the Supreme Court, in foreclosure, under the direction of CHAS. A. JACKSON, Esq., referee, a lot 25 by 98.9, with an old frame house thereon, located on the south side of Fortieth-street, 475 feet west of Eighth-avenue, for $6,000; purchaser, JOHN S. GILMORE. JOHNSON & MILLER, at public auction offered for sale the property known as No. 161 Attorney-street, between Houston and Stanton streets, embracing a lot 25 by 100, with two brick tenement-houses thereon; also a three-story brown-stone-front house and lot, known as No. 30 South Eleventh-street, Williamsburg, but in neither case was a sale effected, the New-York real estate being withdrawn, while the Williamsburg house was nominally sold for $6,100. In reference to the sale of Prospect Park lots, in Brooklyn, yesterday, by J. COLE, a detailed report will be made to-morrow. For today the sales projected are all of a legal character, and in their nature of no special interest. The market generally continues dull, and although during this season of the year this state of affairs may be expected, still brokers and others report less doing than is usually the case.

At private sale A. C. LOOMIS & Co. report having recently disposed of a three-story brown-stone house and lot, the latter a leasehold 20 by 100.5—on Sixty-fourth-street, 190 feet west of Lexington-avenue, for $12,000. E. D. SNIFFEN, Pinestreet, also reports having recently sold forty-four lots of land, each 25 by 100, located at Edgewater, Staten Island, on Bay River, Liberty and Stuyvesant avenues, for $14,000; purchaser MOSES H. WILLIAMS. In addition to the above A. D. MELLICK, Jr. & BRO. No. 6 Pine-street, report having effected private sales as follows within the past sixty days:

Roselle, N. J., a farm of seventy acres on Galloping Hill road, sold for $25,000; Elizabeth, N. J., a farm of forty-five acres on Meadow-street, sold for $55,000; Plainfield, N. J., a farm of fifty-one acres on Rahway road, sold for $15,000; Scotch Plains, N. J., ninety-four lots on Stanberry farm, sold for $14,100; Jersey City, N. J., house and lot corner North Fourth and Erie streets, sold for $13,000; Sucassuny Plains, N. J., farm of eighty acres, sold for $10,000; Elizabeth, N. J., house and lot on North Broadstreet, sold for $22,000; Menlo Park, N. J., eighty lots sold for $10,000; Caldwell, Essex County, N. J., ten acres of land, unimproved, sold for $10,000; Roselle, N. J., two lots, corner of Fourth and Chestnut streets, sold for $2,000; Passaic, N. J., house and lot, Eighth-street, between Sixth and Seventh avenues, sold for $21,000; a farm of 220 acres, in Cecil County, Maryland, sold for $10,000, and 27,000 acres of land in the State of Georgia sold for $27,000.

Exchange Sales, Tuesday, Dec. 5.

NEW-YORK.

By James M. Miller.

5-story brick house and lot No. 120 William-st., between Fulton and John sts., lot 24.6x153.9x 25.6x158 ..... $34,500

Frame house and lot, (known as the Hermitage,) s. s. 40th-st., 475 ft. w. of 8th-av., lot 25x98.9..... 6,000

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE.—A LARGE BROWN-STONE store and house, (containing twenty rooms,) in 6th-av., (Reservoir-square,) rented to a good tenant.

lease hold and valuable estate, (Rutgers' lease,) No. 3 Canal-st., 25x120, extending to Division-st., and including Nos. 167 and 167½.

Also,

a country-seat at Jamaica, Long Island, known as the Gunther estate; one of the finest country-seats on Long Island; ten acres of land; large mansion and out-buildings.

Also,

four-story brown-stone English basement house, 20x65x100, in 37th-st., near 5th-av., elegantly furnished, with or without furniture.

Apply to the owner, No. 42 West 37th-st.

BUSINESS PROPERTIES FOR SALE.
No. 99 Maiden-lane.
Corner Church and Thomas-st.
No. 7 State-st.
No. 83 Beekman-st.
No. 140 Cherry-st.
M. A. J. LYNCH & HUGH N. CAMP,
No. 106 Broadway.

FOR SALE,

Some very cheap first-class dwellings in West 14th-st., 17th-st., East 43d-st., 46th-st., 60th-st., and various other localities.
M. A. J. LYNCH & HUGH N. CAMP,
No. 106 Broadway.

AT A GREAT BARGAIN—A PERFECT palace on 5th-av., above 46th-st.; one of the largest, most substantially-built, elegant and tastefully-finished private residences in New-York; immediate possession. S. EDDY & CO., No. 1 Park-place.

A FIRST-CLASS HOUSE, FOUR STORY, high stoop, 22x86x120, superior order, (with or without extra lot and stable,) near Cooper Institute, desirable as residence or business; a bargain.
W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

FIFTY-SIXTH-ST., NEAR 5TH-AV.—A first-class full-sized four-story high-stoop brown-stone house, for sale very cheap; do. on 54th, 53d, 52d, 48th, 40th and 37th-sts., near 5th-av.
W. P. SEYMOUR, No. 171 Broadway.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

RIVERDALE, ON THE HUDSON.

TO LET,

For three years from April 1, 1872, house, furnished, and five acres of land; a more desirable, healthy place cannot be found. Apply to
ATHERTON & COLES, Stationers,
No. 16 Maiden-lane.

TO LET—AT A LOW RENT, ON THE BANKS of the Hudson, 106th-st., Bloomingdale, a dwelling-house, with barn and stabling, and plenty of land for a garden; a pleasant suburban residence near the grand Boulevard. Apply at No. 5 Beekman-st., Room No. 7, first floor.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

Homes for All.

Four tracks with steel rails, when completed, with cars and ferry-boats unsurpassed, much increase the value of every home on the line of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey. For information as to houses, lots, farms, &c., on the line, apply to A. D. HOPE, No. 119 Liberty-st.

FOR SALE—DESIRABLE FARM OF SEVENTY acres in Green Village, Passaic County, N. J., two and one-half miles from railroad station; large house, thirteen rooms; also, two tenant houses and saw-mill, with good water power; large garden; land in fine condition; springs and wells of good water; immediate possession. There is another house with one-half an acre; eight rooms, in good order. For full particulars apply to A. D. MELLICK, Jr., & BROTHER, No. 6 Pine-st., New-York.

M. A. J. LYNCH & HUGH N. CAMP, No. 106 Broadway, offer for sale or exchange for City property some very desirable improved and unimproved property, well situated in Westchester County, within eleven miles of City Hall, and within five or ten minutes' walk of depots on Harlem Railroad.

ORANGE, N. J.—COUNTRY HOUSES and village lots for sale; a great variety. Also, furnished and unfurnished houses to let for season or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 243 Broadway, 8 to 11; or Orange, corner Main and Cone-sts.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET
IN
TIMES BUILDING,

SPLENDID OFFICES TO LET IN THE FIRE-PROOF TIMES BUILDING.

Apply at TIMES COUNTING-ROOM.

TO JOBBERS IN TAILORS' TRIMMINGS.—A house reding from the business offers to let their store, desirably located, at moderate rent, giving the advantage of their trade to any one renting it now. Address A. JOURNEAY, 1 Pine-st.

FINE LOFTS—50x100, WITH STEAM power, to let, together or separate; good light. Apply at Nos. 35 and 37 Wooster-st.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

WOOLEN-MILL FOR SALE.

The undersigned, assignee in bankruptcy of LOUIS M. OBERHOFER, will sell at auction on THURSDAY, Nov. 23, 1871, at 10 o'clock, at Canterbury, Conn., upon the premises, the remaining property of said bankrupt, to wit:

A two-set fancy cassimere mill, complete, with stone dam and good water privilege, stone picker-house, suitable buildings and tenements, and about sixty acres of land, and two complete sets of fancy cassimere machinery for the manufacture of all kinds of fancy cassimeres; also, manston-house, barn, &c., and about six acres of land.

The above will be sold subject to certain mortgages, a part of which can probably lie for a long while.

Also, certain personal property and stock, &c., worth the attention of store-keepers, farmers, and others.

The above will be sold, without reserve, to the highest bidder. Further particulars may be had of SOLOMON LUCAS or HIRAM CROSBY, Norwich, Conn., or of the undersigned.
JOHN W. MASON, Assignee,
No. 50 Park-place, New-York.

Preceding sale is adjourned to FRIDAY, Dec. 1, at same hour and place.
JOHN W. MASON, Assignee,
No. 50 Park-place, New-York.

The above sale is adjourned to TUESDAY, Dec. 12, at same hour and place.
JOHN W. MASON, Assignee,
No. 50 Park-place, New-York.

BANKRUPT NOTICES.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—THAT ON the 25th day of November, A. D. 1871, a warrant in bankruptcy was issued against the estate of JAMES JENKINS, of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, who has been adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said bankrupt to prove their debts, and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at No. 152 Broadway, in the City of New-York, before Mr. Henry Wilder Allen, Register, on the 18th day of December, A. D. 1871, at 12 o'clock M.
GEORGE H. SHARPE, U. S. Marshal,
as Messenger, Southern District of New-York.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM MELA, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 3,151.—Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in said Court by William Mela, of New-York City, in said district, duly declared a bankrupt, under the act of Congress of March 2, 1867, for a discharge and certificate thereof from all his debts and other claims provable under said act, and that the 14th day of December, A. D. 1871, at 2 o'clock P. M., at the office of Edgar Ketchum, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 83 Nassau-street, in the City of New-York, is assigned for the hearing of the same, when and where all creditors who have proved their debts, and other persons in interest may attend, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted.—Dated, New-York, on the — day of November, 1871. GEO. F. BETTS,
n22-law3w Clerk.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States, for the Southern District of New-York.—In the matter of WILLIAM MELA, bankrupt.—In Bankruptcy.—No. 3,151.—Before Edgar Ketchum, Register.—To whom it may concern: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of William Mela, of the City of New-York, in the County of New-York, and State of New-York, within said district, who has been adjudged bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.—Dated at New-York, the 17th day of November, A. D. 1871.
JOHN SEDGWICK, Assignee,
No. 137 Broadway, New-York City.
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BUSINESS CHANCES.

A.—ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROCURED for Merchants and Manufacturers.

Established houses desiring additional capital on the 1st of January, as also those having special capital, the use of which expires by limitation on that date, and which they desire to replace, should apply to us at once, that we may have ample time to introduce acceptable parties. While almost every other business is comparatively dull at this season, ours is most active, a half year's business being crowded into the six weeks between Nov. 15 and Jan. 1. We have procured $50,000 cash capital for a single firm in this City the past week, and done a large business in smaller amounts. The aggregate of our commissions on the past week's business was more than double the amount earned in any other week since we begun business. We have many applications from parties to invest capital in large amounts in the dry goods, publishing, iron, groceries, commission, teas, banking and manufacturing businesses. Many of these applications to invest capital are from our best known citizens, who have been acquainted personally or by reputation with the principal of our house for many years, and rely to some extent upon his judgment in the selection of an investment. First-class parties desiring to invest large amounts of capital can, we will find it greatly to their own interest to call upon us immediately, as we are now receiving applications from a few of the very first, oldest and best houses in New-York. No charge against investors. All transactions confidential. Apply to GRIGGS, SNYDER & CO., Financial Agents, No. 98 Broadway, New-York.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER of the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the widening and straightening of Broadway, between Thirty-fourth-street and Fifty-ninth-street, and also the making of that part of Broadway, between Thirty-second-street and Thirty-fifth-street, and that part between Forty-second-street and Forty-seventh-street, of a greater width than one hundred feet, in the City of New-York.—We, the undersigned Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter, hereby give notice to the owner or owners, lessee or lessees, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved and unimproved lands affected by the above-entitled proceeding, that in pursuance of the fourth section of the act of the Legislature of the people of the State of New-York, entitled "An Act in relation to the widening and straightening of Broadway, in the City of New-York, and to regulate the practice in that proceeding," passed Feb. 27, 1871, we have completed our estimate and assessment in said before-entitled matter, and that the abstract of our proposed report therein showing the awards made for damage, and the assessments imposed for benefit in said matter, has been deposited in the office of the Department of Public Works in the City of New-York, said abstract to remain in said office open to public inspection and examination, until the 21st day of December, 1871, when our report herein, together with our said abstract, will be presented for confirmation to the Supreme Court, at a special term thereof, to be held before Hon. Albert Cardozo, Justice, at the Court-house, in the City of New-York, on said 21st day of December, 1871, at the opening of the Court.—Dated New-York, Nov. 25, 1871.
JOHN Q. JONES,
WILLIAM WOOD, } Commissioners.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, DEPARTMENT of Finance, Bureau of the Receiver of Taxes, Court-house, Park, No. 32 Chambers-st., Dec. 5, 1871.
TO TAX-PAYERS.

Notice is hereby given that an additional one per cent. will be added on the 15th inst. to all taxes unpaid previous to that day. On the 1st of January following, interest at the rate of twelve per cent. will be added, to be calculated from the 4th day of October, 1871, to the date of payment.
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LEGAL NOTICES.

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THE EFFECTS OF THOMAS H. HOTCHKISS, an American artist, who died at Rome, consisting of paintings, sketches, &c., will be sold at public auction on SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 1871. By order of
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CITY OF PARIS	Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 A. M.	
CITY OF WASHINGTON	Thursday, Dec. 21, 2 P. M.	
CITY OF NEW-YORK	Saturday, Dec. 23, 2 P. M.	

and each succeeding SATURDAY and THURSDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
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NEVADA, Capt. FORSYTH.....Dec. 20, at 1 P. M.
WYOMING, Capt. WHINERAY.....Dec. 27, at 2½ P. M.
MINNESOTA, Capt. MORGAN.....Jan. 3, at ——
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Dec. 15.—Steamer RISING STAR, Capt. H. P. CONNER, will leave Pier No. 42 North River, at 12 o'clock noon, for Aspinwall via Kingston, Jamaica touching at Acapulco, Manzanillo and Mazatlan, and connecting at Panama with steamer COLORADO, Capt. ——, also connecting for all Central American and South Pacific ports. Freight for last-named ports received until 4 P. M. of Dec. 13.
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Families or gentlemen going to travel on the Continent of Europe, who can afford the expense of a courier, should never leave Paris without one. Their services are invaluable in relieving the traveler from the multiplicity of cares and troubles respecting passports, examination and conveyance of luggage, in securing the best accommodation, in protecting the traveler from imposition and an infinity of annoyances, to which they are exposed in various parts of the Continent. Competent and trustworthy couriers and traveling servants may always be obtained by applying to the COURIER SOCIETY, No. 3 Rue d'Alger, near the Tuileries Garden, Paris.

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State of Missouri.

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The entire issue of these bonds is $400,000, in coupon bonds of $1,000 each, bearing date Aug. 1, 1871, and maturing in twenty years. Interest, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, is payable in New-York on the first days of February and August in each year. We are authorized to offer this loan to the public at 80 and accrued interest, with the reserved right to advance the price at any time. At this price they pay OVER ELEVEN PER CENT. on the investment.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the first meeting of the stockholders of the United States Mortgage Company has been called by the corporators thereof to be held at the office of said Company, No. 50 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, on the 30th day of December, 1871, at 11 o'clock A. M., and that the first election of directors will take place at said meeting. By order of the corporators.
B. H. HUTTON, Chairman
CHARLES TRACY, Secretary.
Dated NEW-YORK, Nov. 28, 1871.

OFFICE OF THE SECURITY LIFE INSURANCE AND ANNUITY CO., NOS. 31 AND 33 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, NOV. 28, 1871.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the first class will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of December next. Poll open from 12 to 1 o'clock.
ISAAC H. ALLEN, Secretary.

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURG RAILROAD COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad Company for the election of Directors, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, O., at 10 o'clock A. M., on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 3, 1872.
G. H. INGERSOLL, Secretary.

FINANCIAL.

$100,000,000

5-20 BONDS

HAVE BEEN CALLED IN BY THE GOVERNMENT, AND ARE NOW BEING PAID.
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All business intrusted to us will be carefully attended to. New-York reference: CLARKE, DODGE & CO.

OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND COAL COMPANY, No. 12 TRINITY BUILDING, NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1871.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of this Company for the election of Directors to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office, on TUESDAY, Dec. 12, at 12 o'clock M.
The polls will remain open from 12 M. till 2 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 1 to Dec. 12, inclusive.
By order of the Board,
HARRY E. HOY, Secretary.

ATLANTIC MUTUAL INSURANCE Scrip of all issues wanted by WM. C. GILMAN, No. 46 Pine-st., corner William-st.

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SIX PER CENT. INTEREST on $5 to $5,000.
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DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND NORTH-WESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY, NO. 52 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Nov. 20, 1871.
A DIVIDEND OF THREE AND ONE-half (3½) per cent., less Government tax, has been declared on the preferred stock of the Company, payable at the office of this Company on and after Dec. 28, 1871. The preferred stockholders, as shown by the books of the Company on the 14th day of December, 1871.
The transfer-books of the preferred stock will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 14, 1871, at the close of business, and reopened on Saturday, Dec. 30, at 10 A. M.
A. L. PRITCHARD, Treasurer.

OFFICE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 2, 1871.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have this day declared a Dividend of Four per Cent. on the capital stock of the Company, payable on the 20th inst. The transfer-books will be closed on the afternoon of the 9th inst., and will remain closed until the 21st. By order of the Board.
JAMES S. MACKIE, Vice-President.

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SLEIGHS. SLEIGHS. SLEIGHS.
SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS, SLEIGHS,
500 sleighs, all styles, pony, six seat, swell, Portland, &c., from $30 up: the largest assortment in the City. Robes, bells, &c. Empire City Repository.
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In large assortments at HARMER, HAYS & CO., No. 72 Beekman-st.

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ADVERTISEMENTS FOR NEW-YORK TIMES received till 8 P. M. at the Up-town Advertisement Office, No. 544½ West 32d-st., junction of Broadway and 6th-av.

BOARDING—THE SUBSCRIBER WOULD like to receive a family to board for the Winter at his country residence; location pleasing, with home comforts, and use of good piano, &c.; terms moderate to desirable parties. Address H. H. H., Esopus, Ulster County, N. Y.

NO. 122 WEST 12TH-ST., HANDSOME second-floor, five rooms, bright, cheerful, with every convenience; surroundings refined and homelike; also parlor floor; private table if requested; location desirable; references.

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A SECOND STORY FRONT ROOM, WITH alcove, hot and cold water, and all conveniences, to let, with or without board; reference. Apply at No. 163 East 34th-st.

A ROOM PARTIALLY FURNISHED for light housekeeping or sleeping-room for two, near Pike's Opera-house. No. 302 West 15th-st., corner of 8th-av.

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WANTED, BOARD.—A GENTLEMAN and mother desire a couple of furnished rooms, with or without board, in a private family above 12th-st. Address LEX, Box No. 131 *Times* Office.

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ANTHON Grammar School,

NO. 252 MADISON-AV.,
BETWEEN 38TH AND 39TH STS.
The departments of Ancient and Modern Languages will reopen MONDAY, Sept. 11, and the Primary Department MONDAY, Sept. 18. School hours from 9½ A. M. to 2½ P. M.

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DR. GEO. W. CLARKE, PRINCIPAL.
Prepares pupils of all ages for business or college.

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MISSES PORTER & CHAMPNEY'S Boarding-school for young ladies and children, Hadley, Mass. Winter Term commences Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1872. Circulars and testimonials can be obtained of H. C. HULBERT, Esq., No. 13 Beekman-st., New-York, or by addressing the Principals.

WESLEYAN ACADEMY, WILBRAHAM, MASS.—An old and well-established Seminary for both sexes. Winter term commences Dec. 6 and continues thirteen weeks. For rooms or catalogue apply to E. COOKE, Principal.

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AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY.—LAST NILSSON NIGHTS.
The last night but one of the
STRAKOSCH ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY.
THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, Dec. 6, at 8,
LA TRAVIATA (last time.)
Mlle. CHRISTINA NILSSON as VIOLETTA.
M. CAPOUL, M. BARRE, Signor REICHARDT, &c.
MAX MARETZEK...Musical Director and Conductor
FRIDAY EVENING, Dec. 8, LUCIA DI LAMMERMOOR.
On SATURDAY, Dec. 9, at 1½, (doors open at 12½,) grand farewell matinée of the
STRAKOSCH ITALIAN OPERA.
(Prior to departure for Philadelphia.)
FRA DIAVOLO.
Seats for this matinée, (only,) $2.
Seats for all the above now at the Academy; also, Nos. 701 and 114 Broadway.
SATURDAY, Dec. 9, Academy of Music, Brooklyn—LUCIA.
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Grand farewell matinée of the Strakosch Italian Opera Company,
On SATURDAY, Dec. 9, at 1½ P. M.,
GRAND FAREWELL MATINEE.
FRA DIAVOLO,
With the following excellent cast:
Monsieur VICTOR CAPOUL for the first time as Fra Diavolo, in which role he created so great a sensation in Paris 300 consecutive nights, and
Signor Bonconi.....as.....Lord Alcash
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Signor Colletti.....as.....Beppo
Signor Bartli.....as.....Guccamo
Signor Locatelli.....as.....Matteo
Mlle. LEON DUVAL, for the first time in New-York.....as.....Zerlina
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MAX MARETZEK, Musical Director and Conductor
Reserved seats, price $2.
Seats can now be secured at the Academy; also at Nos. 701 and 1,114 Broadway.

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Inauguration of
THE WINTER SEASON OF TRAGEDY.
This Evening
MR.
EDWIN BOOTH,
as
HAMLET.
which character he will personate but for a limited number of nights, owing to the forthcoming production of Shakespeare's
JULIUS CÆSAR

NEW-YORK METHODISTS

Opening of the State Convention at Syracuse.

Permanent Organization Effected—Earnest Discussion on the School-Bible Question—Full Exposition of the Methodistic View.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 5.—The second annual Convention of the New-York State Methodist Episcopal Church convened at Shakespeare Hall, in this city, at 10 A. M., today. The Convention was called to order by Rev. JESSE T. PECK, D. D., President of the Convention held in this city in February, 1870. On the motion of EZRA JONES, of Rochester, Hon. D. A. OGDEN, of Penn Yan, was nominated temporary Chairman. On motion of J. T. PECK, Rev. J. B. FOOTE, of Syracuse, was nominated for temporary Secretary.

Judge OGDEN, on taking the Chair, thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him. Great interests, not only to the Church in this State, but throughout the entire connection, were entrusted to this Convention. The time of the Convention was too valuable for delegates to listen to a speech from him. He trusted the Convention would be filled with zeal to perform well the work before it. The Chairman then called on Rev. G. ANDREWS, D. D., of Brooklyn, to conduct the opening exercises.

The roll of delegates being called, 378 members answered to their names. On motion of Dr. GOODWIN, the Chairman appointed on permanent organization Rev. Dr. OLIN, of Binghamton, Rev. J. D. PHELPS, of Syracuse, and Rev. Mr. WILSON, of Saratoga, a Committee to nominate a permanent business committee. The rules of order of the last General Conference were adopted for the guidance of the present Convention.

Rev. WM. H. DEPUR, D. D., of the New-York *Christian Advocate*, read an essay on the first topic, "The Statistics and Progress of Evangelical Christianity in New-York State." The essay gave statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the State, showing moderate yet substantial progress in membership for the year now closing. It places the working force of the Church ministers, 2,284; trustees, 13,611; stewards, 8,744; class-leaders, 7,901; Sunday-school superintendents, 2,281. Total amount of expenditures and contributions, $3,500,000.

SECOND SESSION.

The second session of the Convention was called to order at 2 P. M. by the Chairman, Hon. D. A. OGDEN. The devotional exercises were led by Rev. Dr. TAYLOR, of New-York City. The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following permanent officers of the Convention.

President—Rev. WM. L. HARRIS, D. D., LL.D., of New-York.

Vice-Presidents—East Genesee Conference, Rev. R. Hogeboom, A. C. Lindley; Genesee Conference, Rev. George P. Porter, A. B. Foote; Wyoming Conference, Rev. W. G. O'Neal, N. L. Child; Troy Conference, Rev. J. E. Kuns, D. D., W. L. Wolcott; Black River, Rev. J. L. Hunt, William Whitney; Central New-York, Rev. R. C. Houghton, E. Remington; New-York Conference, Rev. G. Corey, O. B. Welling; New-York East Conference, Rev. L. S. Weed, John Stephenson; Erie Conference, Rev. R. A. Caruthers, I. Ingersoll; East German, Rev. John C. Domingo.

Secretaries.—Rev. W. H. Depuy, D. D., of New-York; Rev. J. B. Foote, A. M., of Syracuse; C. H. Applegate, of New-York, Financial Secretary; Rev. Alonzo Flack, A. M.; Rev. B. J. Ives.

Dr. HARRIS, on taking the chair, said the honor conferred upon him was felt to be unmerited. He had no words suitable to express his feelings. It, however, would be his constant effort so to preside that the best interests of the Convention and of the Church should be forwarded. He trusted and felt confident he would receive the prayers and support of the delegates.

The topic for the afternoon—"Education and Common Schools"—was opened by an address by Rev. Dr. G. R. CROOKS, the subject being "Rome and the Public Schools." He said, Protestantism said where the spirit is there is the Church. Rome reverses this, and says where the Church is there is the spirit. Rome claims sovereignty over the human soul and education of the human race. He quoted from an encyclical letter of the Pope's, showing the highest authority, that the Church was higher than the State. The late dogma of infallibility was referred to as sustaining this position. Beaten in Europe, Rome renews here her battle for mediæval principles. A Catholic authority in Ohio was quoted to show the determination to obtain possession of the public schools. It is well known that throughout Europe the entire tendency is toward State and unsectarian schools. The Catholic Bishops and the supervisors of Catholic schools and schools of this Church must be anti-American. The dogma that freedom of conscience is an error, would be taught in these schools, as well as the dogma that ecclesiastical persons are not amenable to civil law. That such principles should be taught at all is enough for Americans to allow, but that such teachings should be those of our public schools is monstrous. The speaker cited a letter written by a prominent Catholic to the NEW-YORK TIMES that Catholics do not want their children taught American principles. As Rome does not intend to yield neither must we. We must stand by our principles—Free Speech, Free Press and Free Education—and may God defend the right! [Immense applause.]

Prof. JOSEPH JONES, of Ilion, delivered an address on the duty of Christian citizens to public schools. The speaker claimed one reason why it was the duty of Christians to sustain the public schools was that they were founded on Christian principles. They are the outgrowth of free schools organized by Christian bodies. He reviewed the common school system from the time the Pilgrim Fathers first commenced instructing the childhood of their colony. Shall we insist upon the moral instruction in our school system? We can no more expect moral culture without drill than we can mental culture without application. The moral nature of man cannot be ignored in molding him into a good American citizen. We, as a rule, may subject our children to the temptations of the public schools. Give the children proper moral education at home and they will grow stronger by it. The foreign element needs the American element to Americanize it. The immoral element needs the Christian element to Christianize it. Character, not culture, is the foundation we must lay for American manhood.

Dr. ANDREWS, of Brooklyn, said he supposed the question was shall we have a great common school system in this State or not. The Catholic Church do not object to the five or fifteen minutes' reading of the Bible. Their purpose is to break up the public school system, and from the public funds draw aid to support their own parochial schools, to be managed by Sisters of Mercy or Brothers, of this or that Order. It is quite right for the people of this State to place in the Constitution of the State an article forbidding forever the use of public funds for the support of private schools, and I propose we demand of our next Legislature the initiation of this great work.

The following resolution was reported by Dr. CROOKS:

Resolved, That the time has come when the Constitution of New-York should be so mended as to prevent forever the appropriation by State or municipal authority of public funds for the support of sectarian schools, and we hereby solemnly and urgently petition the next Legislature to initiate the action by which this may be secured.

Rev. Dr. WM. BUTLER, of Boston, Erie County, supported the resolution, and said the Government of Russia had abolished the Church school system, and were organizing Government and unsectarian schools. Rev. Dr. HEBBARD, of East New-York, said, as Protestants, we want public schools, and we want the Bible in these schools. What we must guard against is teaching doctrine. The Bible is not a dogmatic book, it is a book of ethics, and we do not want to teach doctrines. We do want the Bible in our school to teach childhood morals. Rev. B. I. IVES said a law in New-York State made it the duty of all chaplains of prisons to see that a Bible is in every prisoner's cell, and if the Bible is good for rascals, it ought to be good for children to prevent them becoming such. The resolution as reported was adopted.

THIRD SESSION.

President HARRIS called the Convention to order promptly at 7 o'clock this evening. A severe snow-storm was raging, and the attendance limited and mostly confined to delegates. The topic for the evening was: "Temperance; its relation to society, to the church, and to civil law." Prof. ALONZO FLACK read an essay, showing that $600,000,000 were expended annually in alcohol. No good has ever come from dram-shops, and never will, as is slavery and corruption, so intemperance is a crime and should be treated as such by the laws of the State of New-York. We assert that if we cannot obtain what we want through the present political parties, it must be accomplished through a new party. It is useless to talk about keeping this question out of politics. It is the greatest political question we have. The first question a politician asks is, How will this or that measure suit lager or rum? The Church does not know her strength. She must wake up to one duty. Every State in the Union reports an improved state of public opinion; New-Hampshire has forced her people to elect a prohibition Governor; Massachusetts has taught us all that lager, ale and porter are as harmful as alcohol; Maine is still in the van and strong for total prohibition; Illinois is making progress, although her principal city last year licensed 2,672 places for the sale of liquors. Let not the sons of WESLEY and of EMERY falter in this grandest reform of the age.

Rev. JAMES ALABASTER, of Elmira, read the second paper, on "Legislative Prohibition," being a review of the laws on the subject of intemperance.

The following resolution was then adopted:

Resolved, That while we declare total prohibition to be our aim, we must respectfully ask of the Legislature the passage of a law which will make it necessary to ask the consent of a majority of the legal voters at an election held for that purpose in a ward, town or county before any one may sell therein intoxicating liquors as a beverage.

The discussion of this resolution was lengthy and heated. It was finally adopted, and the Convention adjourned for the day. C.

THE WICKENSBURG MASSACRE.

Were the Murderers Indians or Whites—Letter from a Member of Wheeler's Expedition.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 5.—The following is an extract from a private letter received by a gentleman in this city from a member of Lieut. WHEELER'S party. It is dated Camp Whipple, near Prescott, Arizona, Nov. 7:

"LORING, HAMMELL and SALMON, of Lieut. WHEELER'S party were on the stage to go home. Besides these the passengers were Mr. KRUGER, a German; a Mr. ADAMS, a jeweler of Prescott, and MOLL SHEPARD, a disreputable character. The stage was an open box wagon, topped with canvas, with sides let down; the back being generally down, is somewhat protected from sight, at least, while the front is open to full view. An escort went with them, as usual, through the dangerous country, that is, as far as Wickenberg, six miles beyond this place they were suddenly fired into. I do not know how much damage was then done except that the driver's arm was broken. Still he drove on some distance till shot through the head, when the unguided horses turned back toward home and into danger. KRUGER and MOTT were on the back seat, but not easily seen, and escaped, except with wounds. Both emptied their pistols and managed to jump out before the horses turned back and ran on ahead. In a mile or two they met the 'buck-board' going the other way. The driver took them on, and fearful of being followed, turned back. Finally he left them and the mail in the bushes, took a horse, and by a trail reached the Vulture Mill near Wickenberg, got assistance, and returned to the scene of the murder. Two of the victims were found to be shot in the eye, two in the forehead, and one in the back of the head. An old man with a black beard, who had fought hard, was missing, and may have escaped. This man must have been HAMMELL. Heavy rifle cartridges were found, and their use was probable from the great number of shots fired, there being twenty through the stage. The mail had been opened and such letters as would contain money examined, and the baggage searched for money. No horses nor guns, nor bright blankets, nor any such things as Indians covet, were taken. There is no doubt about it; they were not Indians nor Mexicans; the shooting was too good. White men did it—'road agents,' as they are technically termed here. They generally simply rob. It was reported that a man was asked some time ago, at Wickenberg, to rob the stage that brought 'MOLL SHEPARD' down, as she would have much money. KRUGER also had much money with him, as he was a Government agent of some kind. The murderers did not find a greater part of the latter's money, and seem to have fled precipitately."

THE CITY OF BROOKLYN.

Kings County Republican General Committee—The Reapportionment of the Organization.

The regular meeting of the Kings County Republican Committee was held last evening, S. B. DUTCHER, Esq., in the chair. The Executive Committee reported the number of delegates to be allowed to the General Committee, on the basis agreed upon at the last meeting, which was adopted, as follows:

Ward.	Delegates.	Wards.	Delegates.
1	3	15	6
2	2	16	7
3	6	17	7
4	6	18	4
5	4	19	6
6	7	20	11
7	9	21	9
8	5	22	3
9	4	New-Lotts	2
10	10	New-Utrecht	2
11	8	Gravesend	2
12	3	Flatbush	2
13	2	Flatlands	2
14	4		
Total			144

The time for holding the primary elections for the selection of delegates, in accordance with the above, was then fixed for Thursday, Dec. 28, between the hours of 7 and 9 in the evening. In selecting the places an almost interminable debate was occasioned, owing to a universal disagreement among the various delegates upon the places proposed.

A Life Lost Through Red Tape.

On Sunday afternoon, as already reported in the TIMES, an unknown man leaped into the water at the Third-avenue bridge and was drowned. Some man tied a rope to his leg to fasten him to a log until the Coroner should arrive. Alderman RICHARDSON, who was present, remonstrated and assisted to draw the man from the water, and an examination found that life was not yet extinct. He sent for blankets and other appliances for restoring life, and had the man carefully nursed, but breath left the body in a few moments after. Had the man been removed from the water as soon as he was discovered his life could in all probability have been saved, but he was suffered to remain in obedience to an absurd rule that drowned bodies must not be disturbed until the Coroner arrives.

The Police and the Reformers.

The Subcommittee of the Council of Vigilance visited Police Head-quarters yesterday, and had an interview with Messrs. VAN ANDEN and BRIGGS, in relation to the affairs of the Department. The newly-elected Mayor, Hon. SAMUEL S. POWELL, was also present. The Committee announced that they were about to make an investigation into the affairs of the Police Department, and inquired when it would be convenient for them to begin. The Commissioners declared that they were ready at any moment, and the sooner it was instituted the better they would be pleased. The Committee then withdrew, after deciding that they would commence their labors in a few days.

Brief Notes.

The Democratic General Committee met last evening and adjourned for two weeks for the purpose of reorganization.

The Mechanics' and Traders' Exchange have resolved to establish a bank of deposit and circulation, for the purpose of benefiting the members of the association.

Mr. S. B. CHITTENDEN, in a card to the public, challenges proof that he ever proposed to give, or did give, any sum of money, large or small, for an improper purpose.

WILLIAM TRACY, representing himself to be an agent of the Elliptic Sewing-machine Company, has been swindling various boarding-house keepers in the Eastern District.

A formal call has been extended to Rev. F. G. CLARK, D. D., formerly of the Twenty-third-street, New-York, Presbyterian Church, to take charge of the Genevan Church, on Gates-avenue.

An entertainment will be given this evening, at the First Baptist Church, in Nassau-street, for the benefit of the Brooklyn Orphan Asylum. There will be music, tableaux, charades, and "Mrs. Jarley's Wax-works."

The Board of Education met last evening, when the Finance Committee reported in favor of paying bills to the amount of $15,000. The teachers of the schools will be paid on the 15th inst. Primary School No. 2 was changed to Grammar School No. 34.

DAVID PRINGLE, who was formerly the agent of Holloway's Pills, was charged before Justice WALSH, yesterday, with the larceny of an office-desk, a steam-engine and other articles valued at $300, which were claimed by HENRY M. MARTIN, who superceded him in his agency. The examination was adjourned for one week.

TWEED AND CONNOLLY.

Argument for Reducing Bail and Vacating Arrest.

Messrs. Reynolds and Stoughton For and O'Connor and Tilden Against—Connolly's Case Fixed for Saturday.

ALBANY, Dec. 5.—Judge LEARNED, in the Chambers, today, heard the argument on the motion to reduce the bail required of WM. M. TWEED. Hon. JOHN H. REYNOLDS and Mr. STOUGHTON appeared in support of the motion, and Hon. CHARLES O'CONOR and Hon. S. J. TILDEN in opposition. The room was crowded with citizens, who appeared deeply interested in the proceedings.

Mr. REYNOLDS said that the motion was on behalf of the defendant TWEED in the case of The People of the State of New-York against WM. M. TWEED and others, to reduce the bail of TWEED and for other purposes.

Mr. O'CONOR at this point desired to read an affidavit in answer to the papers served on them.

Mr. REYNOLDS objected, on the ground that the motion was made on the paper on which the order of arrest was granted. If we move additional papers, they may reply with additional papers, but not otherwise. We stand here to see whether the first order of arrest was rightly granted, and was one not to need additional papers. Judge LARNED decided that Mr. O'CONOR could not present his additional affidavits. Mr. REYNOLDS proceeded. The complaint asks for judgment for $6,312,000, with interest from 1st September, 1870. The complaint is verified by S. J. TILDEN, who swears the complaint is true, of his own knowledge, save as to matters stated on information and belief, and as to those matters, he believed them to be true. In this case, where the amount claimed is $6,000,000, the bail required is $4,000,000, and the sureties have to qualify in the sum of $8,000,000. There is no affidavit of allegation that TWEED was thinking of leaving town, or that he and the other defendants were not good. The object of bail is only to keep defendant in the jurisdiction of the Court. Never in all the judicial proceedings I ever heard of, was there a time when such excessive bail was required as is fixed in this case. REYNOLDS then read from the complaint against TWEED, INGERSOLL and others, after which he said: I suppose from the section of the complaint in regard to the issuing of bonds, that the City paid no money on them. What became of these bonds is unknown to the Attorney-General, as far as appears from these pleadings. The people of the State of New-York have not been injured, as far as this complaint shows. The complaint is for the recovery of $6,000,000, which the complaint does not show was taken from either the State or the City of New-York. The bondholders make no complaint; they do not invoke the dignity of the State of New-York. The people come here as intermeddlers in other people's business. If the bondholders are satisfied, why should not the people be. What is said in a newspaper, is gravely set forth by the Attorney-General in this complaint, a most extraordinary allegation. The complaint sets forth, about the law of the vouchers from the Controller's office, which is immaterial to this complaint, since there is no evidence that TWEED had anything to do with the loss. We are unfortunate; we get in the newspapers and are abused. Then we are sued by the Supervisors. HAVEMEYER was after us, and the people of the State. To whom shall we respond if we are liable. If the people get the $6,000,000, what will they do with it? They do not pay it, nothing on their bonds, and can be called upon to pay nothing. Then the City of New-York may recover $6,000,000 from the Board of Supervisors. It is important to find out now whether there is any right of property in the State of New-York to recover any of this money. Suppose TWEED and INGERSOLL undertook to defraud and issued bonds, and the City was never called upon to pay a cent, how can the people maintain this action? If any party has been damaged, it is the municipal body of New-York, and not the people. It is said the suits instituted by the Mayor were not commenced in good faith. Mr. O'GORMAN is the corporation counsel, against whom nothing has been alleged. There should be some fact presented in the complaint verified, to make good the allegation that Mr. O'GORMAN was in collusion with thieves and robbers. Several affidavits were made to obtain the order of arrest. W. H. PECKHAM makes one; there is one in regard to the Broadway Bank; Mr. TILDEN makes one about what he saw in the Controller's office.

Mr. REYNOLDS then read at length from Mr. TILDEN'S affidavit, and claimed that too much was stated in the affidavit on information and belief in a case of such importance that $1,000,000 bail is required. They show in regard to the Broadway Bank that certain sums were paid in, and certain sums paid out; certain checks were drawn against certain balances. Nothing is proved. You run back on the merest suspicion. The people ought to make out a pretty clear case, and make their allegations on something beside suspicion, and belief, and newspaper reports. Some of the indorsements on warrants turn out to be fraudulent; that proves nothing, for who committed the forgery is not stated. The object of bail is simply to preserve the defendant in the jurisdiction of the Court. One million dollars might be regarded as excessive bail, in regard to the greatest criminal, under the most tyranical Governments. The complaint reads like a newspaper article. It is written loosely, and not with precision. It is well to be specific in allegation and true in fact in such a case as this. Grant that HALL, TWEED and company are as bad as they are claimed to be, and have raised money improperly on bond, there is no allegation that these defendants are not able to pay, or that they think of fleeing. I only debate the right or wrong of these defendants from the complaint, but I do say that the bail is excessive; it operates as a great oppression, and I ask your Honor, on the same papers which were before submitted to you, to reduce its amount. The Treasurer of the State of New-York, who has sometimes $10,000,000 under his control, is only required to give bail in $50,000. The bail for AARON BURR was fixed by the Chief-Justice of the United States at $10,000, and the Judge added that if that amount could not be raised he would listen to a motion to reduce it. I would like to know if bail for the highest kind of criminal was ever put so high? JEFF. DAVIS had his bail fixed at $100,000, and he was a bigger villain than TWEED.

Mr. O'CONNOR replied—A good deal of what was said looked like a motion for absolute discharge. The plea that some one else than the people of New-York were the proper plaintiffs, and the like, was not relevant to the motion to reduce bail. I hold that our duty here is simply on the assumption that action was brought, and to argue whether the bail should be altered.

Mr. REYNOLDS replied that the order of arrest as regards TWEED, the defendant, should be vacated. That was part of their motion, or if TWEED was held, that his bail should be much reduced.

Mr. O'CONNOR inquired of the Judge if, on motion to reduce bail, he would hear a motion to vacate arrest.

Judge LEARNED decided that he would, and thereupon Mr. O'CONOR sat down.

Mr. TILDEN then addressed the Judge in opposition to the motion. He agreed with the counsel on the other side as to the object of bail. He supposed TWEED could pay $6,000,000. The other side admitted as much in their argument. A sum of money large for one man would not be excessive for another. The amount to be recovered was immense, and it doubtless was easier for TWEED to give bail in $1,000,000 than for BURR in $10,000, or JEFF. DAVIS in $100,000. What are the facts? Accounts to the amount of $6,312,000 are audited by a Board of which TWEED is a member; he certifies the claims; $5,700,000 of warrants of the City are proved to have been collected by three persons, GARVEY, INGERSOLL and WOODWARD. Whenever GARVEY collected a warrant, he paid over sixty-six per cent. to WOODWARD, and twenty-four per cent. to TWEED. There were some twenty-six settlements, and TWEED got the same percentage every time, without more than a very slight variation. This is not "information and belief." It is proof positive, and as positive as the oaths of a dozen witnesses. The identification, as to date, amount, warrants and indorsements, is perfect; one item of proof fits into another. The coincidence of amounts having seven figures is perfect on the doctrine of chances. The proof is as high as can be addressed to any man of reason. A man proved to have in his possession $1,000,000 of the public money, resulting out of one transaction, may well be asked to give bail to that amount out of a gigantic fortune. What would hold one man would not begin to hold another. The money in this case is traced positively to TWEED. It is certain he now has it in his pocket. Is it hard to make him put up that sum? As to whether this action is well brought I leave to my associate. On the authority of cases decided in England and on elementary principles, I think it must be maintained. At this point Judge LEARNED requested to have his attention drawn in brief to the proof that TWEED had a fraudulent share in the six million dollars. Mr. TILDEN replied in the main that the claims were fictitious. There is no doubt of that. There is no pretense that TWEED had a right to a quarter of the amount of the accounts passed by the Board of Audit, of which he himself was a member. The accounts were only audited on pretense. The Board of Audit held but one meeting, and at that authorized TWEED to certify the accounts.

Mr. O'CONOR then followed Mr. TILDEN in opposition to the motion. I contend for three propositions: 1st, that TWEED is rightly held for $1,000,000, if held at all, with reference to his undoubted liability. The evidence of his guilt is full and adequate. 2d, as to rules governing bail I shall have something to say, and I shall prove that your Honor could not fix the bail at a less sum than the present amount; and, 3d, that the right of action in this case is well laid in the people of the State of New-York. As to TWEED'S guilt there can be no doubt. He was one of the three Commissioners authorized to audit certain accounts in New-York, and, to pay the accounts, were authorized to issue certain bonds. The Board met and resolved they would not audit the accounts. We have an affidavit of a clerk in the Controller's office, who swears that accounts that should have been audited came to the office, unverified and fraudulent on their face, but bearing the indorsement of TWEED. I contend that TWEED ought to have been held in three times the sum he was; I was sadly disappointed at the sum TWEED received; his twenty-four per cent. of the amount stolen, not once or twice, but for a large number of times. As for newspaper reports I will simply say that since TILDEN'S sheets were published, no man has been found to say he did not believe TWEED to be guilty. TWEED said nothing about it in his speech to his constituents before election. As to the matter of bail, it was not necessary, and it is not usual, to set up that the defendant, TWEED, would run away. As to the amount of bail in criminal cases, it is provided that the bail be not excessive; but counsel on the other side confused the practice in regard to bail in criminal and civil cases. In civil cases the rule is different from that which prevails in criminal cases. The amount of bail is in proportion to the demand of the plaintiffs. Now, in our case, we demand $1,000,000; so, if we have a cause of action, the bail should stand as it is. To be sure, we never heard of bail fixed at so large an amount, but that is because we never had a case like this before, of a man plundering to the extent proved on TWEED. As to the matter of bonds, the law of 1871, requiring the supervisors to limit the power of taxation to a certain sum on the money they raised, they left out provision for these bonds. There is no way to pay them. The State can't be made to put anything as a debt. An obligation resting on the State is worth nothing save by the justice of the Legislature. A State is bound morally to pay the bonds under its sanction, and there it has an action against those who disposed of the lands in question. It is contended that this action should have been brought by the County of New-York rather than by the State. The Board of Supervisors of New-York was wrapped up in one man, and he being in collusion with guilty parties, people had a perfect right through the Attorney-General to bring an action. The O'Gorman correspondence shows the plainest collusion of HALL with the guilty parties. There was a plain case for the people to come to the relief and interfere. The Boards of Supervisors are local governments of the counties; all the towns are represented in them; they have the powers of corporations. They can sue and be sued. This was done in all counties in the State save the County of New-York. New-York County has not, today, a Board of Supervisors in accordance with the general law. New-York would never have had a Board of Supervisors had it not been for the fact that the law for raising taxes provided that it should be raised by the Supervisors of counties. In early statutes, the Mayor, Recorder and Common Council were the Supervisors of the County of New-York, and they levied the taxes. The Chamberlain of the City was the Treasurer in early days, and for sixty years the Board of Supervisors cost the County of New-York nothing. A new Charter of New-York was made in 1830. By that the Recorder was excluded from the Board of Supervisors. Finally, after 1840, there was a direction that the Board of Supervisors should levy and pay a certain sum. This was repeated the next year, and the thing grew from that time. In the year 1871 we had our City Charter amended and local government consolidated, so that the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty were the only Government. In the same year we had a tax levy, and the Board of Supervisors were restored to their old condition, and and power for the disposition of money was vested in the Board of Apportionment. The new Board of Supervisors was created, over whom the Mayor was absolute. The Supervisors are no more than the Board of Public Works and the like. They cannot sue or be sued. Now, if county moneys belong to the county, and must be sued for by the Supervisors, that rule does not apply to New-York, in virtue of its special municipal charter. Why should the Corporation of New-York bring the suit? The case is peculiar. The bonds to be raised were bonds of the County, and so the City could not bring the suit. The County of New-York is a local government, without authority, save as is specially given it.

Mr. STOUGHTON followed in support of the motion, when Judge LEARNED took the papers. He was unable to say when he would be able to render a decision. The time given to TWEED in which to procure bail expires on the 13th inst.

CONNOLLY'S CASE.

In the case of the People of the State of New-York against RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Mr. SAMUEL G. COURTENEY procured from Justice LEARNED an order to show cause, returnable on Saturday at 11 o'clock before Judge LEARNED, why the order of arrest should not be vacated, or why the bail should not be reduced.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Gen. R. F. STOCKTON is at the St. James Hotel.

Gen. A. J. PARKER, of the United States Army, is at the Madison-avenue Hotel.

Hons. HIRAM SIBLEY, of Rochester, and A. MURDOCK, of Columbia, Miss., are at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Gen. A. J. MEYER, of the United States Army, and Col. H. S. MCCOMB, of Delaware, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel.

Gen. E. F. BEALE, of Chester, Penn.; Gen. J. GARRARD and Sheriff PATTERSON, of Freehold, N. J., are at the Gilsey House.

The quarterly payment of pensions to soldiers' widows and orphans commenced, yesterday, under the direction of Col. DOTY.

The bronze statue of FRANKLIN was yesterday privately exhibited to a large number of persons at the foundry of FISCHER BROTHERS.

CHARLES DILLMAN was committed to answer at Essex Market Police Court, yesterday, on a charge of stealing $100 from GEORGE P. DAWSON.

It is rumored that testimony connecting WM. M. TWEED with the Harlem Court-house swindle, has been laid before the Grand Jury, now in session.

Col. A. EILAW, of the United States Army; Judge W. L. FLETCHER, of Washington, D. C.; and Judge C. DANIELLS, of Buffalo, are at the Grand Central Hotel.

The following have been elected Directors of the German Hospital: H. Althof, Johannes Roessing, Frank Krutiner, E. Sauer, A. Poppenhusen, and Willy Wallach.

A few of the Directors of the Viaduct Railway met yesterday, but a quorum not being present an adjournment took place without any business having been transacted.

The Masonic Quartette Club gave a ball at the Germania Assembly Rooms, last night, which was largely patronized by the friends of the organization.

The Drum Corps of the Sixth Regiment N. G. S. N. Y., gave their annual ball at the Armory in Tammany Hall last night. It attracted a numerous attendance.

The German Women's Protective Association gave its third annual ball at the Harmonie Rooms, last night. It yielded a handsome surplus for the charitable fund of the society.

JOHN MILLER and JAMES MUNGER, two boys, were convicted in the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, of grand larceny, and sent to the House of Refuge for six months each.

The fair at the German School at Yorkville is attracting a large attendance of visitors. It will be continued until Sunday. This evening the vocalists of the Arion will entertain the visitors.

Col. H. A. DU PONT, of the United States Army; Gen. JAS. A. HALL, of Maine; Lieut.-Commanders C. F. ARNOLD and E. P. WOOD, of the United States Navy, are at the Hoffman House.

It is stated that the daughter of ROSENZWEIG, the notorious abortionist, now in Auburn Prison, has written him a letter in which she informs him that he is to be "tried over again" in January next.

Delegates of several sections of the International Union met last evening to complete arrangements for the demonstration to take place on Sunday next. It was reported that some militia companies would join the parade.

The trial of Alderman JAMES IRVING, on a charge of committing an assault on Deputy Marshal DOOLEY, will be moved on today by the District-Attorney, in the United States Circuit Court, before Judge BENEDICT.

In the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, JOHN MEEHAN, convicted of petit larceny, was sent to the Penitentiary for two months, and MAX SCHMIDT, convicted of grand larceny, was sent to the State Prison for one year.

The Chamber of Commerce have received since the 25th of November additional subscriptions for the relief of the sufferers by the fire at Chicago and the North-west, amounting to $86,622, of which $80,507 were received from Liverpool.

A meeting of the Sons of Temperance will be held at the Church of Sea and Land, corner of Henry and Market streets, this evening. Mr. P. T. BARNUM will deliver an oration, and other prominent speakers will take part.

The Vessel-owners' Association at their meeting, yesterday, appointed a Committee of five to act with a Committee of the Ship-owners' Association in reference to the subject of quarantine exactions on coasting vessels.

The annual election for officers of the New-York Typographical Union was held yesterday, and resulted, after a very close and exciting canvass, in the success of the ticket headed by Mr. ROBERT MCKECHNIE by a small majority.

JAMES DAVIS was arrested last evening for drawing a revolver and threatening to shoot THOMAS MARTIN. On searching him at the Twenty-ninth Precinct Station, a large dirk was also found in his possession.

About 10 o'clock last evening ELIZABETH SCOFIELD attempted to commit suicide by hanging herself in one of the cells of the Fifth Precinct. She was discovered by the doorman, who cut her down. This is her fifth attempt.

At the Jefferson Market Police Court, yesterday, DAVID PRINGLE was committed on a charge of joining in a conspiracy, by which the firm of THOMAS HOLLOWAY & Co. were defrauded of property worth over $50,000.

An inquest was held yesterday, by Coroner KEENAN, in the case of JOHN H. BONESTELL, who was crushed in the machinery in the printing establishment of SACKETT & Co., corner of William and Pine streets. Verdict, accidental death.

WENDELL PHILLIPS, under invitation of numerous representatives of the working men of this City, will lecture at Steinway Hall this (Wednesday) evening, the subject being "The Labor Movement the Sheet-anchor of the Republic."

WILLIAM KELLY, residing at No. 506 East Thirteenth-street, and employed in the chemical works corner of Twentieth-street and Avenue B, fell into a vat, yesterday, and was seriously burned. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital.

From the fact that his coat and hat were found on the pier, the Police report that JAMES ANDERSON, a colored man, who lived at No. 53 Orchard-street, is supposed to have been drowned at Pier No. 46 East River, at an early hour yesterday morning.

A course of Sunday evening lectures is being delivered in the Allen-street Presbyterian Church by Rev. Dr. NEWELL, on "The Five Great Wants of the City." The first lecture was delivered on Sunday evening last, and the next will be by Rev. JOHN HALL, D. D.

The monthly meeting of the Board of the New-York Juvenile Asylum was held last evening at the House of Reception, No. 61 West Thirteenth-street. There are 633 children in the institution, and their general health for the past month has been excellent.

The Fair in aid of the Home for the Blind, which opened on Monday, at the late residence of Mrs. C. V. S. ROOSEVELT, corner of Broadway and Fourteenth-street, will remain open till late Saturday night. A great variety of fancy and useful articles will be found at the different tables.

With the first inroad of Winter begins again the series of accidents which annually occur from the dangerous coal-hole covers in Nassau-street. These have been a periodical nuisance, yet no one has ever thought of doing away with them.

The Germans of the Seventeenth Ward last evening completed a permanent Reform organization by the election of the following officers: President, P. F. SEITER; Vice-Presidents, AUG. THERME and B. BIEHLE; Secretaries, A. M. SCHENCK and RUDE; Treasurer, PFEIFFER.

The following gentlemen were elected Directors of the Gold Exchange Bank yesterday: Chas. Lanier, Thos. H. Hanney, Alfred L. Ketson, Richard L. Edwards, T. F. B. Parker, Henry M. Benedict, W. A. Gibson, Townsend Cox, John F. Underhill, E. Cornelius Benedict, E. O. Reed and Simon Schafer.

Miss L. EDGARTON lectured last evening at the new hall on Twentieth-street, between Eighth and Ninth avenues. The subject was "Gossip; its Uses and its Cure." She handled it with considerable dexterity, and gained numerous bursts of applause by sportive thrusts at the Woman's Rights Party.

The first of a course of five lectures in the Canal-street Presbyterian Church was delivered last evening by Rev. GEO. J. MINGINS, the subject being "Forty-Nine Days in Egypt." The remaining lectures will be delivered by Rev. JOHN THOMPSON, D. D., Rev. WM. ORMISTON, D. D., Rev. DAVID MITCHELL, and Rev. JOHN MACNAUGHTON.

Yesterday afternoon a fire broke out in the two-story frame stable in Sixty-seventh-street, between Tenth and Eleventh avenues, caused by sparks from a blacksmith's shop setting fire to the hay. The stable was owned and occupied by THOMAS O'BRIEN, and was damaged about $300. Fully insured in the Greenwich Insurance Company.

LONG ISLAND.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at Rockville Centre will be dedicated on the 17th inst.

The new Board of Police Commissioners consist of JOHN SODINE, JOSEPH MCLAUGHLIN, and F. M. MONTELL.

JAMES MCCUNE, the man injured on the Long Island Railroad on Monday evening, at Dutch Kills, died yesterday.

The dock at Merrick, which was destroyed by the late severe storm, is to be rebuilt. A meeting was held a few days since, and a sum subscribed for the project.

The election of Trustees took place at College Point on Tuesday evening. The vote was as follows: WILLIAM J. ANLEY, 213; WILLIAM H. HICKS, 174; JOHN GIBBS, 69.

On Monday night, while Alderman TORREY, of the Fourth Ward, Long Island City, was returning home, about 10 o'clock, he was attacked by two men while passing through Academy-street, and knocked down, one of them holding him while the other searched his pockets, taking a gold watch and about $35 in money.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

A remonstrance has been prepared and numerously signed by citizens of East Chester against the payment of $10,000 demanded by the Commissioners of Public Parks on account of mapping that section of Westchester County.

The Royal Arch Masons of Peekskill have organized a Council of Royal and Select Masters, with twenty-eight charter members and the following officers; T. G. M. John Ombony; R. G. D. M. Robert J. Post; G. P. C. of W. Rev. Jeremiah Searle; Treasurer, E. D. Bates; Recorder, Rev. Elias S. Osbon.

The authorities of Pelham have obtained an injunction from Justice GILBERT restraining CORNELIUS CORSON and other Commissioners from constructing a new road through the town from Hutchinson Creek, or boundary line between East Chester and Pelham. The Commissioners are also enjoined not to build any bridge over the creek in question.

STATEN ISLAND.

Mrs. STILL, of Tompkinsville, was yesterday committed to the County Jail for six months for cruelty to her husband and children.

Today the Reform Committee will meet the Trustees of Edgewater to commence an investigation into the financial affairs of the village.

NEW-JERSEY.

A Fair in aid of the Children's Home will be held in Hoffman's Arcade on Dec. 19, 20 and 21.

JOHN R. CHURCH, a well-known citizen of Morristown, died at that place early yesterday morning.

The anniversary of the Children's Home of Taylor's Reformed Church, Bergen, took place last evening.

The formation of no less than six new counties is to be applied for, this Winter, to the New-Jersey Legislature.

The grand union entertainment by the lodges of Good Templars, of Jersey City, came off last night in Hoffman's Arcade.

The Jersey City Rink having been converted into a stable, a skating pond has been established on the lots at Coles and South Sixth streets.

Work on the railroad from Freehold to Keyport was commenced at Marlboro, Monmouth county, on Monday. The distance is thirteen miles.

The Morris and Essex Railroad Company yesterday morning made application to the Board of Works of Jersey City, for permission to build a tunnel under the new reservoir.

The fifth lecture in the annual course of the Elizabeth Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered to-morrow evening at Library Hall, by W. C. RICHARDS, on a popular subject.

On Sunday there were 300 boats laden with coal fast in the Morris Canal, confined by the ice. On Monday most of these escaped. There are still large numbers of boats being loaded, hoping to get through before the canal shall be entirely closed.

Early yesterday morning the office of the Middlesex County Collector, at New-Brunswick, was entered by burglars. The safe was blown open and rumed, and papers and vouchers scattered about. The thieves only succeeded in securing $3 in money.

A large meeting of persons interested in the temperance movement was held at Springfield on Monday night, and it was resolved to petition the Legislature for a local Prohibitory law, such as was last Winter granted to the township of Chat